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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 ON PAGE 169]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
7 WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE MEETING AND ASK FOR YOU ALL TO PLEASE
8 RISE. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY CHAPLAIN
9 JAVIER AGUAYO, HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BELLFLOWER,
10 FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY DEUS
11 XAVIER SCOTT, FORMER CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND TOM
12 MCCAFFERTY, FORMER CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY, BOTH MEMBERS
13 OF THE VETERANS OF FILM AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATION. CHAPLAIN?
14

15 **CHAPLAIN JAVIER AGUAYO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE. I'M
16 VERY HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY. I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A
17 LITTLE BRIEF BACKGROUND. I EMIGRATED HERE SINCE 1968. I CAME
18 FROM MEXICO. I'M 52 YEARS OLD AND I AM FATHER OF FIVE AND BEEN
19 MARRIED 29 YEARS TO ONE WOMAN. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. I'M
20 HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY. HOPEFULLY WE COULD ALL BE BLESSED
21 WITH AN INVOCATION. IF WE COULD ALL PLEASE BOW OUR HEADS.
22 FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
23 TO BE HERE, LORD, WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE L.A.
24 COUNTY. LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE WAY YOU PROVIDE THIS COUNTY
25 WITH THE FACILITIES, THE BUILDINGS AND THE PERSONNEL. THANK

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1 YOU FOR THEIR SERVICE,, LORD, FOR PROVIDING THEM AS SERVANTS
2 TO THE PUBLIC. LORD, THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT THEIR PAINS AND
3 HURTS AS WE GET UP EVERY MORNING, LORD, TO COME TO WORK AND TO
4 SERVE THE PEOPLE. LORD, WHAT A BLESSING IT IS TO BE HERE
5 TODAY. MAY YOU PROVIDE THE COUNTY WORKERS THAT PROTECT THE
6 HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING THE FREEWAYS, LORD, AND THAT YOU JUST
7 CONTINUE PROVIDING FOR FINANCING, LORD, FOR THE CITY OF LOS
8 ANGELES. BUT, LORD, WE ALSO PRAY FOR THE PARKS AND
9 RECREATIONS. LORD, WE THANK YOU THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL OUR
10 CHILDREN, LORD, AS I HAVE FIVE ON OUR OWN AND EVERYBODY DOES,
11 TOO, I'M SURE, BUT, GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
12 BE HERE. WE THANK YOU THE BLESSINGS AND HOW YOU PROVIDED THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH ALL THESE PROVISIONS OF ALL THE
14 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES. LORD, HELP US TO PUT THE DIRECTION
15 AND THE PLANNING THAT YOU GIVE THEM WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE,
16 LORD, ON THE PLANS THAT THEY HAVE FOR THE FUTURE FOR THE
17 COUNTY AND THE LEADERS THAT ARE COMING, LORD, TO SIT AT THEIR
18 SEAT AS THEY MOVE ON AND PROVIDED THEIR SERVICES. LORD, THANK
19 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO BE HERE. WE WANT TO BLESS YOU
20 AND THAT WE WOULD PLEASE YOU AND, LORD, THAT OUR HEARTS WOULD
21 BURN THAT WE WOULD BURN FOR YOUR LOVE. LORD, WE ASK THIS IN
22 THE NAME OF MY LORD AND SAVIOR AND WE THANK YOU, GOD, FOR
23 PROVIDING, AMEN.

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1 **DEUS XAVIER SCOTT:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR
2 HEART AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO ONCE
5 AGAIN WELCOME AND THANK CHAPLAIN JAVIER AGUAYO FROM HOSANNA
6 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER. HE SERVES ON THE
7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WHERE
8 HE IS ALSO CHAPLAIN OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION, HE
9 IS ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS FOR THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S
10 STATION AND SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR AMBASSADORS
11 FOR PEACE. CHAPLAIN AGUAYO HAS BEEN MARRIED, AS HE SAID, FOR
12 29 YEARS TO ONE WOMAN, ONE WOMAN. AND HE AND HIS WIFE LIVE IN
13 LAKEWOOD AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. HE ALSO RUNS A FAMILY-OWNED
14 AIR CONDITIONING BUSINESS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF
15 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME
16 OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US IN LEADING IN A MOST
17 BENEFICIAL INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THE
18 AGENDA.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,
22 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
23 COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THERE'S A
24 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM

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1 NO. 2-D, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
2 HOLD THIS ITEM. ITEM NO. 3-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
5 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. EXCUSE ME, I
6 WANT TO STOP RIGHT NOW. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAVE THE PLEDGE
7 PRESENTATION.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE WERE LED IN THE
10 PLEDGE THIS MORNING BY DEUS XAVIER SCOTT, FORMER CAPTAIN OF
11 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, MEMBER OF THE VETERANS FILM AND
12 TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS. AND WE ALSO-- HE WAS JOINED BY TOM
13 MCCAFFERTY, FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, MEMBER
14 OF THE VETERANS OF FILM AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS. AND THEY
15 LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING, AND WE WANT
16 TO THANK YOU AND MR. MCCAFFERTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
17 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
18 COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL RESUME WITH THE AGENDA,
21 PLEASE.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 3-D WAS BEFORE
24 YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
2 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
5 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 3-H. ON ITEMS NO.
6 1-H AND 2-H, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
7 HOLD THESE ITEMS. ITEM NO. 3-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
10 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
13 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS, ITEMS NO. 1-P
14 AND 2-P, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
20 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 2, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 6, THE
22 RECOMMENDATION ON THE POSTED AGENDA HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A
23 SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND
24 ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE
25 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST
5 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ITEM NO. 10,
6 THERE'S ALSO REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
7 ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
8 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR,
16 ITEMS 13 THROUGH 35, ON ITEM NO. 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 14,
18 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
19 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 15, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 18, 2014.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 20, AS INDICATED ON
2 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
3 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:**--

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 20 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S A REQUEST
12 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 26,
13 27, 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
14 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 30 AND 31, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST
15 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO.
16 32, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE SHERIFF
17 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 34, SUPERVISOR KNABE
22 VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
23 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER WITH THE "NO" VOTE SO
2 RECORDED, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 24, ORDINANCES
6 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 36 THROUGH 38, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
7 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 36, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
8 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 5, PERSONNEL,
9 AND TITLE 6, SALARIES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS BY AMENDING
10 VARIOUS SECTIONS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 37, THIS IS AN
16 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6
17 SALARIES, TO ADD AND/OR DELETE AND CHANGE CERTAIN
18 CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
19 DEPARTMENTS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
23 ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 38, THIS IS AN
2 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6
3 SALARIES TO AMEND SUPERIOR COURT AND COUNTY PERSONNEL TO
4 CLASSIFY COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND ADD AND/OR DELETE AND CHANGE
5 CERTAIN CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN
6 VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS NO. 39 AND
12 40, ON ITEM NO. 39, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NO.
13 40, WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 26,
14 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
15 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 41-A, JUST TO MAKE A NOTE
17 THAT THIS ITEM IS A FOUR-VOTE MATTER, NOT A THREE-VOTE MATTER.
18 AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS?

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEMS 41-B AND 41-C, THE CHIEF
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE
25 WEEK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
5 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
6 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL
11 WHO'S RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE. DR.
12 LEONARDO ORTIZ HAS BEEN PROVIDING QUALITY CARE, MEDICAL CARE,
13 TO THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN OUR GREAT COUNTY OF
14 LOS ANGELES. HE HAS NEVER TURNED AWAY ANYONE BECAUSE THEY WERE
15 UNABLE TO PAY. KIND OF LIKE DR. MARK _____ WHO WAS A GREAT
16 PHYSICIAN AT THE OLD FRENCH HOSPITAL, NOW THE PACIFIC ALLIANCE
17 IN THE CHINATOWN AREA. HE VOLUNTEERED THOUSANDS OF HOURS AT
18 VARIOUS COUNTY HEALTH FAIRS AROUND THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO
19 HELPING IN THE MEDICAL FIELD HE'S HELPED FAMILIES IN NEED AND
20 BEEN FEATURED AS A MEDICAL EXPERT ON UNIVISION AND TELEMUNDO.
21 SO WITH US TODAY IS HIS WIFE MARIA AND HIS DAUGHTERS MAGGIE,
22 LINDA AND RUTH, AND A GOOD FRIEND HARRY BEY. SO, DOCTOR? THANK
23 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **DR. LEONARDO ORTIZ:** IT'S A LOT OF PLEASURE TO BE HERE. IT'S AN
2 HONOR TO BE HERE. AND IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THE LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS. AND THIS IS THE BEST
4 PAY THAT I EVER HAVE, THE GRATITUDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
5 GOD BLESS YOU. AND GOD BLESS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.
6 [APPLAUSE.] (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE WELSH TERRIER WHO'S TWO
9 YEARS OLD. HE'S A LITTLE SHY. HE'S DOING A LITTLE POTTY BREAK
10 RIGHT NOW. WE'LL BRING HIM BACK AFTER THE OTHER ONES, OKAY?
11 BETTER OUT THERE THAN IN HERE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. MAYBE THAT'S THE RED JACKET. I'M
14 JUST KIDDING. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M VERY PLEASED TO HAVE WITH
17 US THIS MORNING WINNERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
18 FOUNDATION COMPETITION, MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION. AND I ASSUME
19 THEY'RE HERE? THEY'RE BACK THERE. SO LET ME-- [APPLAUSE.] LET
20 ME ASK THEM, JOE, IF YOU COULD HELP THEM ORGANIZE IT AND ASK
21 THE STUDENTS FROM LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND CHAMINADE COLLEGE
22 PREPARATORY TO COME UP HERE? AND WE WILL HONOR YOU.

23 [APPLAUSE.] I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE CATHERINE SEWARD WHO
24 IS THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
25 FOUNDATION. AS I THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS, THE CONSTITUTIONAL

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1 RIGHTS FOUNDATION PROMOTES CIVIC EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION,
2 TEACHING THE IDEALS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR
3 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR
4 GOVERNMENT. ONE SPECIAL PROGRAM OF THE FOUNDATION IS THE MOCK
5 TRIAL COMPETITION. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 36TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY
6 MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION. 2,000 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
7 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THIS COMPETITION. THEY COMPRISED 145
8 TEAMS AND 450 VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF
9 LOS ANGELES. THIS YEAR'S CASE INVOLVED THE ISSUE OF SEARCH AND
10 SEIZURE. AND THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE BEHIND ME ROSE
11 TO THE TOP IN THAT COMPETITION. WE ARE HERE TO HONOR, FIRST OF
12 ALL, LET ME JUST GET THIS STRAIGHT, LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.
13 LOUISVILLE WON THE SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEY ARE
14 ACCOMPANIED-- YOU GUYS ARE LOUISVILLE. OKAY. SO LET ME DO
15 CHAMINADE FIRST SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY HERE. OKAY. WE'VE GOT A
16 PROCLAMATION FOR THE CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL. CHAMINADE MIDDLE
17 SCHOOL WON THE L.A. COUNTY, JR. HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP? NO.
18 YES. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. AND THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY MISS
19 JENNIFER ADDER WHO IS THE MOCK TRIAL COACH-- ADER, WHO WILL
20 RECEIVE THE HELEN BERNSTEIN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. AND
21 WE'RE VERY HONORED TO HAVE HER HERE. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO
22 CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL. GIVE THEM A HAND. [APPLAUSE.] AND
23 JENNIFER, SO WHO IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM? OR DO YOU HAVE?
24 OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD IN A MINUTE, BUT I'M
25 GOING TO GIVE THIS TO THE SCHOOL, TO THE TEAM. AND LET ME GIVE

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1 THIS PROCLAMATION TO JENNIFER BADER WHO IS BEING HONORED WITH
2 THE HELEN BERNSTEIN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. IT IS A GREAT
3 HONOR FOR A GREAT LADY THAT WE ALL KNEW. AND CONGRATULATIONS
4 TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE A WINNER SHE CHOSE
5 NOT TO SPEAK. THAT'S GOOD. AND NEXT IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO
6 PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS, THE
7 SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONS FOR THE 36TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION, LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.
9 LOUISVILLE? [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE COACH AND
10 TEACHER, MR. MICHAEL TELESCA. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST SAY ON A PERSONAL NOTE. MY SON
13 WAS A MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPANT FROM MONROE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
14 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND IT CHANGED HIS LIFE. HE ENDED UP
15 GOING TO LAW SCHOOL. HE'S PRACTICED LAW FOR 4-1/2 YEARS IN THE
16 PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP PAY OFF HIS LOANS. [LAUGHTER.] AND NOW
17 HE'S A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
18 SO IN ALL OF HIS INTEREST IN BEING A PROSECUTOR CAME OUT OF
19 THE EXPERIENCE HE HAD IN THE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION OF THE
20 QUESTIONING AND THE STRATEGY AND THE TACTICS INVOLVED IN
21 PUTTING TOGETHER A TRIAL AND AN ARGUMENT. AND I THINK YOU WILL
22 FIND, OVER TIME, THAT THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN REMARKABLE, A
23 REMARKABLE AND PROFOUND EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF YOU. AND WE
24 CONGRATULATE YOU ALL. ESPECIALLY CONGRATULATE ALL THE
25 TEACHERS, THE COACHES, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

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1 AND OF COURSE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, WHICH
2 UNDERWRITES THIS ACTIVITY. AND I WANT TO INVITE CATHERINE
3 SEWARD TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF THE
4 FOUNDATION. CATHERINE? [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **CATHERINE SEWARD:** HI, THANK YOU SO MUCH ON BEHALF OF THE
7 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION AND MANY THANKS TO THE LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEIR SUPPORT ENABLES OUR
9 PROGRAM TO GROW EACH YEAR. WE HAD OVER 100 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE
10 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND NEXT YEAR WE ANTICIPATE
11 EVEN MORE. WE'LL BE GOING TO THE STATE TRIALS IN MARCH. AND WE
12 HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT US. OUR STUDENTS, OUR TEACHERS AND THE
13 COACHES AND EVERYONE ON STAFF. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. CONGRATULATIONS.
16 MR. ANTONOVICH?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A TWO-YEAR-OLD WELSH TERRIER MIX. AND
19 JAZZ IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT
20 JAZZ, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. SO THIS IS LITTLE JAZZ. AND
21 THIS IS THE BIGGEST HE'LL GROW. LOOKING FOR A LOVING HOME.
22 HE'D LIKE TO RUN AROUND IN THE HILLS. [LAUGHTER.]

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL BEGIN THE MEETING AND
25 WE'LL BEGIN WITH THOSE THAT HELD MULTIPLE ITEMS. ARNOLD SACHS

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1 ON 2, 10, 13, 22, 28, 31, 41-A, 1-D AND 7. MR. PREVEN, 1-D, 2-
2 D, 1-H, 2-H, 7, 12, 14, 26 AND 27. AND GENEVIEVE, DR.
3 CLAVREUL, 10, 13 AND 30.

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5 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC
6 PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
7 IS ON THE TELEPHONE, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT INSULTING BUT I'LL
8 ENDURE IT. THERE WAS A GREAT ARTICLE IN THE "NEW YORK TIMES"
9 ABOUT NOTHING TO DO WITH COUNTY SUPERVISORS, BUT THERE WAS A
10 QUOTE THAT I THINK IS WORTH BRINGING UP, WHICH IS BY DIANE VON
11 FURSTENBERG, WHO SAID, "ONE THING YOU SIMPLY CAN'T FAKE IS
12 CLARITY." AND I BELIEVE THAT. AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ITEM
13 THAT HAS TO DO WITH NO. 12, THE JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE,
14 THEY ARE DISCLOSING NOW THE LINEUP FOR THE COMING SEASON,
15 WHICH WILL BE SHORTENED IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR SOME WORK.
16 NOW, THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE HAS ALL BEEN APPROVED, BUT IT
17 HAS NOT BEEN EXPOSED PROPERLY. SO I'VE ASKED THAT THEY PUBLISH
18 THE PLANS SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE ON THE TIMELINE THIS
19 GREAT PROJECT IS, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO BECAUSE IT'S NEVER
20 BEEN MADE PUBLIC. AND I'M HOPING THAT THEY'LL DO IT BECAUSE
21 IT'S JUST THE RIGHT WAY. IT'S OPEN GOVERNMENT. IT'S GREAT.
22 PEOPLE WILL COME IN AND GIVE THEIR OPINION AND WE'LL GET THE
23 RIGHT SOLUTION AS OPPOSED TO A CLOSED DOOR SOLUTION. ANOTHER
24 ITEM TODAY HAS TO DO-- THERE ARE TWO ITEMS, ACTUALLY, THAT
25 HAVE TO DO WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 1-H AND 2-H, BOTH ARE

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1 CONTRACTING ISSUES AND BOTH ARE WON BY THE SAME CONTRACTOR. A
2 GROUP CALLED TORRES CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION WHO ARE USUAL
3 COUNTY CUSTOMERS. IT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE TWO DIFFERENT
4 KINDS OF BIDDING THAT WE DEAL WITH. ONE IS THE JOB ORDER
5 CONTRACTING THAT YOU HEARD ME TALK ABOUT AND I'VE ENGAGED THE
6 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE ABOUT BECAUSE
7 THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERN BY ALL OF US THAT THE COMPOSITE BID
8 FACTOR, WHICH IS WHAT THE CONTRACTOR SAYS THEY CAN DO IT FOR
9 ON THE DOLLAR. SO IF SOMEBODY SAYS "I'LL DO THIS JOB AT 49
10 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR" TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, HIS IMMEDIATE
11 QUESTION WOULD BE: "HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT? ARE YOU
12 GOING TO LOWER THE COST OF THE MATERIALS? ARE YOU GOING TO--
13 WHAT'S GOING ON THERE? IS EVERYTHING IN THE PRICE BOOK?" SO
14 WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT YET WE'RE ROLLING OUT MORE OF
15 THESE. AND IT'S WORRISOME. THE 1-H CONTRACT IS THE GUY BID
16 JUST OVER THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE. AND THE OTHER BIDDER WAS 2
17 MILLION BUCKS. LIKE DOUBLE THAT. SO IT'S VERY CONFUSING. AND
18 THEN THAT SAME GUY WINS THE CONTRACT FOR THE LOW BID AT LIKE
19 63 CENTS OR WHATEVER IT IS. YOU CAN CHECK IF YOU'RE
20 INTERESTED. YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED. AND THE PUBLIC'S
21 INTERESTED BECAUSE WE NEED TO GET THE TRANSPARENCY WINDOW
22 WORKING IN THIS KIND OF CONTRACTING SO THAT IT CAN BE
23 EFFECTIVE. I WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME ON THE HOMELESSNESS
24 ISSUE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT DEAL WITH
25 HOMELESSNESS AND IT'S VERY FRONT AND CENTER. AS WE ALL KNOW,

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1 SINCE 2012-- AGAIN GLORIA MOLINA IS STILL ON THE PHONE,
2 PRESSING THE BOUNDARIES OF GOOD TASTE, BUT HOMELESSNESS IS
3 57,725 IS A RECENT NUMBER AND THAT'S UP 23.5 PERCENT SINCE
4 2012. SO WE KNOW IT'S FRONT AND CENTER AND IT'S OF URGENCY.
5 AND I SAW ON "60 MINUTES" THIS WEEKEND A VERY IMPRESSIVE
6 STORY. OH MY GOSH, RIDLEY-THOMAS MAY BE TALKING TO GLORIA
7 MOLINA ON THE PHONE. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE "60 MINUTES" PIECE
8 ABOUT THE 100,000 HOMELESS, OR HOMES, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT
9 LOOKS SUPER EXCITING. I KNOW WE'VE TRIED IT HERE AND WE'RE
10 TRYING LOTS OF THINGS TODAY HERE AS WELL. I THINK THAT WE
11 SHOULD BE ENGAGING IN THAT PROCESS AND, WELL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
16 IT'S FUNNY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING
17 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND YET THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN AWAY THE
18 RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. I DID
19 HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD ITEM 1-D. IT MENTIONED SOMETHING
20 ABOUT CONSISTENT COUNTY POLICY. AND THEN I LOOKED AT NO. 10,
21 AND THAT'S SOCIAL MEDIA, BRIDGING THE GAP. SO I'M THINKING
22 GRAIN OF TRUTH FOR NO. 10 AND THE COUNTY POLICY ABOUT GET THE
23 MONEY FIRST. WE NEED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE GRAIN OF
24 TRUTH AND THE COUNTY'S POLICY OF STEALING SO MUCH MONEY FROM
25 THE PUBLIC. I HELD ITEM 13. THAT MENTIONS SOMETHING THAT MAY

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1 HAVE SIGNIFICANT COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES, NON-ROUTINE SALARIES.
2 WELL IF IT'S SIGNIFICANT COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES, THEN THERE
3 SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING CALLED A NON-ROUTINE SALARY. I HELD ITEM
4 22. THAT DEALS WITH GRAFFITI. ZERO TOLERANCE ZONES FOR
5 GRAFFITI. WHICH MUST MAKE THE BLUE LINE THE 2,000 PERCENT ZONE
6 BECAUSE IT'S PRETTY MUCH COVERED WITH GRAFFITI. AND THERE'S
7 ZERO ZONES. THEY MUST HAVE TO AVERAGE OUT. MAYBE YOU MIGHT
8 CHECK INTO IT. MAYBE ONE OF YOU MIGHT RIDE IT. IT'S ONE OF THE
9 PARTS OF THE WORLD CLASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE
10 ACCORDING TO THE NEW HEAD OF THE M.T.A., THE NEW BOARD CHAIR
11 IN THE M.T.A. WORLD CLASS TRANSIT. GET ON THE BLUE LINE. READ
12 SOME GRAFFITI. PRETTY INTERESTING. I HELD ITEM 31. IT MENTIONS
13 ABOUT THE SHERIFF, WELL, I ACTUALLY HELD ITEM 28. SHERIFF
14 ACTING AS AN AGENT FOR THE COUNTY. SO I'M WONDERING, AS AN
15 AGENT FOR THE COUNTY, IS HE INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT
16 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF'S RANK AND FILE? THAT WOULD BE A
17 NO. SO IF HE'S NOT INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION, HE
18 BASICALLY GETS STUCK WITH WHAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGREES
19 WITH THE UNION. THAT PUTS HIM IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION,
20 YOU KNOW THAT? I HELD ITEM 31, IT SAYS LOCATE AND APPREHEND
21 THE MOST DANGEROUS FUGITIVES. WELL, I KNOW FIVE PEOPLE WHO
22 AREN'T. FUGITIVES BUT THEY'RE SITTING RIGHT HERE AROUND THIS
23 HORSESHOE. AND I HELD ITEM 41-D. IT'S AN ORDINANCE FOR THE
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU KNOW, THEY DID AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM,
25 THE NEW PERSON THAT YOU APPOINTED, AND HE MENTIONED THAT HE

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1 HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SITTING SHERIFF WHO JUST RETIRED
2 THAT HE WOULD EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH HIM. BUT THAT WAS JUST
3 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SITTING SHERIFF. IN ORDER FOR THAT TO
4 BECOME A RULE, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE.
5 SO IS THE BOARD CONSIDERING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE SHERIFF
6 TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? BECAUSE IF
7 YOU'RE NOT, THEN WE'RE RIGHT BACK TO ZERO, WHICH BRINGS US
8 BACK TO COUNTY POLICIES: GET THE MONEY FIRST, BOOM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? DR. CLAVREUL?

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
13 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 10, I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT
14 THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA BRIDGING THE GAP
15 BECAUSE MAYBE THEY CAN LOOK AT ALL THOSE CONTRACTS WE HAVE ON
16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, THE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
17 WE HAVE SPENT AND HOW TO UTILIZE THEM TO BE MORE EFFICIENT
18 BECAUSE WE SURELY ARE NOT DOING IT. AND ON ITEM 13, YOU KNOW,
19 IT'S THE SAME STORE STORY. WHEN YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH L.A.
20 COUNTY, IT'S ALMOST A CONTRACT FOR LIFE BECAUSE THEY RENEW
21 WITHOUT NEW R.F.P. AND SO ON AND THAT'S WHAT NO. 13 IS ALL
22 ABOUT, KEEPING THE SAME PEOPLE ON FOREVER. AND ON ITEM 20, WE
23 ARE SITTING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. EVERY YEAR. FOR OVER 25
24 YEARS WE APPROVE MULTIPLE CONTRACTS. THIS YEAR IT'S 57
25 CONTRACTS PLUS FOUR NEW ONES. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO

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1 INFORMATION ON HOW THOSE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PERFORMED. UNTIL
2 LAST YEAR, WE WERE GIVEN AT LEAST A STROKE OF HOW THEY WERE
3 PERFORMING. THIS YEAR WE DON'T HAVE NOTHING AT ALL. SO I
4 REALLY OBJECT TO HAVE ALL THOSE CONTRACTS RENEWED AS A BLOCK
5 CONTRACT. AND THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU DO IT
6 THAT WAY, IF IT IS NOT APPROVED, NOBODY GETS THE MONEY. AND
7 THEN PEOPLE LIKE ME GET THREATS FROM THE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.
8 COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S NOT FAIR. I THINK ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE
9 NOT PROVIDING CARE SHOULD NOT BE RECEIVING MONEY, BECAUSE WE
10 HAVE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. WHO NEED
11 THE CARE. SO I WISH YOU LOOK A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO THAT. ON
12 ITEM 30, HAVING TO DO AGAIN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER
13 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT. CERNER. AND CERNER HAS BEEN
14 IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE WORST SOFTWARE HAVING TO DEAL WITH
15 HOSPITAL, AND NOT THE ONE WE ARE BUYING. AND WE HAVE BOUGHT.
16 ON ITEM 39, IT'S A DISCUSSION ITEM BUT I PROBABLY WON'T STAY
17 HERE THAT LONG. AGAIN WE'RE HAVING DOCUMENTS, THE SLIDES WERE
18 NOT AVAILABLE ON THE WEB. I JUST GOT THE DOCUMENT NOW. BUT,
19 AGAIN, YOU KNOW, WE ARE HAVING ISSUES SHOWING US, FOR EXAMPLE,
20 THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS STILL NOT UP TO PAR. AND LAST YEAR WE
21 WERE PROMISED THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE DONE. AND WHEN YOU
22 LOOKED AT THE SLIDE, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE,
23 SOME OF THEM UNTIL 2017. THAT'S A LONG TIME FROM NOW. AND HOW
24 CAN YOU PERFORM AND PROVIDE SERVICES WHEN PEOPLE CANNOT EVEN
25 GET SOMEONE TO ANSWER THE PHONE? SO I THINK YOU NEED TO REALLY

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1 LOOK AT THAT. AND AGAIN IT'S THE SAME ABOUT THE ELECTRICAL
2 HEALTH RECORD. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. THE ITEMS
5 BEFORE US?

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
8 YOUR BOARD. ITEM NO. 2-D, 1-H, 2-H, 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 22, 26,
9 27, 28, 30, 31 AND 41-A. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED
12 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AN ORDER OF PRIVILEGE. I AM GOING TO
17 TAKE ONE ITEM OUT OF ORDER. I'M GOING TO TAKE ITEM NO. 40 OUT
18 OF ORDER. THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE RISE
19 AND HAVE TO BE SWORN IN. I'M GOING TO TURN THE REQUEST TO
20 SPEAK OVER TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WHO WILL CALL YOU UP. ALSO,
21 JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT THE TIME LIMIT IS ONE MINUTE PER
22 SPEAKER.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE
25 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,

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1 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?
2 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON THIS ITEM, THIS IS THE
3 HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL
4 COASTAL PROGRAM AND ITS LAND USE POLICY MAP AND AMEND TITLE
5 22, PLANNING AND ZONING OF COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE SANTA
6 MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. THERE IS A
7 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, BEFORE WE BEGIN TESTIMONY, THE
10 DEPARTMENT WILL-- GO AHEAD.

11

12 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THE SANTA MONICA
13 MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE IS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 52,000
14 ACRES, MORE THAN HALF OF WHICH IS IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. IN
15 2007, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROPOSED SANTA MONICA
16 MOUNTAINS L.C.P. AFTER CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC OUTREACH. AT THAT
17 TIME, STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE L.C.P. AND
18 THEN RETURN TO THE BOARD. AFTER YEARS OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH
19 THE COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF, WE ARE RETURNING TO THE BOARD
20 WITH AN L.C.P. THAT FULLY CARRIES OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
21 COASTAL ACT WHILE ALSO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SANTA MONICA
22 MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY BY RECOGNIZING ITS DUAL TRADITION OF HORSE
23 KEEPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE PLAN EXPLICITLY
24 REQUIRES THE PRESERVATION OF HORSE KEEPING OPPORTUNITIES IN
25 SUPPORT OF THE EQUESTRIAN-ORIENTED TRADITION OF THE SANTA

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1 MONICA MOUNTAINS. AS ONE EXAMPLE, THE PLAN ENCOURAGES THE
2 ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUESTRIAN FRIENDLY TRAIL HEADS, PARKING AND
3 STAGING AREAS TO PROMOTE LOW COST PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRAILS. THE
4 L.C.P. ALSO PROPOSES TO PROTECT THE IMPORTANT BIOLOGICAL
5 RESOURCES OF THE AREA. IN ADDITION, A DEVELOPED MITIGATION FEE
6 WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED IF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
7 COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE L.C.P. THIS IS A
8 SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT COASTAL COMMISSION
9 PRACTICE OF REQUIRING A SIZABLE MITIGATION FEE EVEN IF THE
10 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT COMPLIES FULLY WITH ALL DEVELOPMENT
11 REQUIREMENTS. DURING RECENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH, MINOR CHANGES
12 AND CLARIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO
13 RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. WE WILL WORK WITH
14 COUNTY COUNSEL TO CLARIFY THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE
15 PROCESS FOR EXISTING CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES AND SPECIFY
16 THAT THE RELIEF SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
17 ALL PARCELS THAT LACK A C.D.P. THAT WERE OVER 15,000 SQUARE
18 FEET AND WERE ESTABLISHED AFTER THE COASTAL ACT PRIOR TO 2001,
19 CLARIFY THAT THE PROHIBITION OF AGRICULTURE REFERS ONLY TO
20 CROPS AND NOT EQUESTRIAN USES; AND REPLACE POLICY 59 WITH THE
21 FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, "WORK TOWARDS A POISON-FREE SANTA MONICA
22 MOUNTAINS BY EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF ELIMINATING THE USE
23 OF RODENTICIDES AT THE SOONEST PRACTICAL DATE AND IDENTIFY AND
24 PROMOTE RODENT CONTROL METHODS THAT DO NOT INVOLVE POISONS."
25 BY CERTIFYING THE L.C.P., THE COUNTY WILL REGAIN ITS PERMIT

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1 AUTHORITY. APPLICANTS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO GO TO THE COUNTY
2 AND COASTAL COMMISSION TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THEIR PROJECTS.
3 FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, THIS PROPOSED L.C.P. REPRESENTS A
4 SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. OUR
5 PLAN IS TO HAVE A COASTAL COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING IN APRIL.
6 AND THAT CONCLUDES OUR STATEMENT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE I CALL UP
11 PEOPLE, I WANT TO JUST MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND PRIMARILY
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
13 INVOLVED IN THIS, BOTH AT THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY FAMILY, AT
14 THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND IN THE COMMUNITY ITSELF. A LOT OF
15 STAKEHOLDERS OUT THERE WHO HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO GET TO
16 THIS POINT. I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK MY OWN DEPUTY BEN
17 SALZMAN WHO WAS UP TO 3:30 LAST NIGHT-- THIS MORNING PREPARING
18 FOR THIS. [APPLAUSE.] AND I TOLD HIM HE SHOULD HAVE TURNED ON
19 N.B.C., HE COULD HAVE WATCHED THIS VERY EXCITING CURLING MATCH
20 FROM THE OLYMPICS. [LAUGHTER.] I WANT TO THANK RICHARD
21 BRUCKNER, GINA NATOLI AND JOSH HUNTINGTON OF THE PLANNING
22 DEPARTMENT STAFF. I WANT TO THANK CHARLES LESTER AND JACK
23 AYNESWROTH OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION. THERE'S A LETTER THAT
24 HAS BEEN SENT BY CHARLES LESTER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
25 COASTAL COMMISSION, ASKING US TO APPROVE THIS PLAN AND

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1 ENDORSING THIS FRAMEWORK, WHICH IS A REMARKABLE, A REMARKABLE
2 ACHIEVEMENT, GIVEN WHERE WE WERE SIX YEARS AGO WHEN WE LAST
3 DISCUSSED THIS ITEM. I WANT TO THANK THE STAKEHOLDERS ON ALL
4 SIDES, THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY, OF COURSE THAT WE WILL HEAR
5 FROM, I'M SURE, TODAY. BUT ALSO THE VERY IMPORTANT
6 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ENDORSED THIS PLAN, HEAL
7 THE BAY, COASTAL ACTION NETWORK, THE SIERRA CLUB, AMONG
8 OTHERS, AND I HESITATE TO START GOING THROUGH THE LIST. WE
9 HAVE A REMARKABLE COALITION OF SUPPORT ON VIRTUALLY ALL SIDES
10 OF THIS ISSUE. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE 100 PERCENT; WE
11 DON'T. BUT WE HAVE A COALITION THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED, AT LEAST
12 IN MY MEMORY IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTY. IT'S NOT A PERFECT
13 PLAN. THERE'S NO PLAN THIS BOARD HAS APPROVED THAT IS PERFECT.
14 BUT AS WE HAVE TALKED TO OURSELVES AND AMONG OURSELVES, WE
15 DON'T WANT THE PERFECT TO BE THE ENEMY OF A REALLY, REALLY
16 GOOD, SOLID PLAN, WHICH THIS IS. THE PLAN CONTAINS GREAT
17 PROTECTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT ENSURES THAT THE COASTAL
18 ZONE PARTS OF THE SANTA MONICA PROJECT WILL BE PROTECTED FOR
19 GENERATIONS TO COME SO THAT PEOPLE LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE WILL
20 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY AND EXPERIENCE WHAT WE'VE HAD
21 THE OPPORTUNITY AND OUR ANCESTORS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
22 EXPERIENCE. IT IS A VERY RIGOROUS PLAN, BUT IT IS ALSO A VERY
23 SENSITIVE TO THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC ROLE THAT THE
24 EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITIES HAVE PLAYED. LONG BEFORE ANY OF US WERE
25 AROUND OR ANY OF OUR ANCESTORS WERE AROUND, HORSES WERE A PART

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1 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THEY ARE A PART OF THAT CULTURE
2 AS MUCH AS ANYBODY OR ANYTHING. AND THE PLAN REFLECT ALL OF
3 THAT. I WON'T GO INTO THOSE DETAILS, I'M SURE WE'LL GET INTO
4 THAT LATER, BUT I JUST WANTED TO AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE
5 PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED EXTRAORDINARILY LONG HOURS ON A VERY
6 COMPLICATED PLAN, WHICH AT THE END OF THE DAY IS
7 SUBSTANTIVELY-- IDENTICAL IS MAYBE TOO STRONG A WORD-- BUT
8 CLOSE TO IDENTICAL AS YOU COULD BE TO THE PLAN THAT WE
9 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT THIS BOARD IN 2007. THE NOMENCLATURE
10 MAY HAVE CHANGED. SOME OF THE-- CERTAINLY UPDATED TO TODAY'S
11 STANDARDS AND TODAY'S NOMENCLATURE IN THE COASTAL ACT AND
12 THINGS OF THAT SORT, BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL SUBSTANCE OF WHAT
13 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE APPROVED BACK IN 2007.
14 THE DIFFERENCE IS WE'VE HAD A COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE OVER
15 THE LAST YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF, WITH THE COASTAL STAFF. THEY
16 HAVE MET US HALFWAY. WE HAVE MET THEM HALFWAY ON SOME ISSUES
17 THAT ARE, FRANKLY, MORE SYMBOLIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE. AND WE WERE
18 ABLE TO REACH THAT ACCORD WITH THEM. SO WITH THAT, LET ME--

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, BEFORE YOU START
21 CALLING ANYONE UP TO TESTIFY, MR. ANTONOVICH HAD SOME
22 QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WAS THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN
2 THIS PROPOSAL?

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, THERE WERE EXTENSIVE OUTREACH TO
5 THE LEADERSHIP OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY AS WELL AS
6 EXTENSIVE OUTREACH TO HOMEOWNERS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY IS IN SUPPORT OF
9 THE PROPOSAL?

10

11 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THERE IS A LARGE CONTINGENT OF THE
12 EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY THAT IS SUPPORTIVE. I THINK YOU'LL HEAR
13 FROM THAT TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ANSWER THAT? BECAUSE I THINK I'M IN A
16 BETTER POSITION TO ANSWER THAT. WE WORKED WITH THE EQUESTRIAN
17 COMMUNITY OVER A PERIOD OF MANY WEEKS AND RIGHT THROUGH LAST
18 NIGHT AND I BELIEVE THAT THE LION'S SHARE, IF NOT ALL, OF THE
19 EQUESTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS WILL COME HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE
20 PLAN AS MR. BRUCKNER HAS DESCRIBED THE CHANGES THAT ARE GOING
21 TO BE MADE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IS THE PLAN MORE OR LESS RESTRICTIVE
24 THAN THE CURRENT COASTAL COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS?

25

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1 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE PLAN IS MUCH MORE HORSE FRIENDLY.
2 EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE HORSE COMMUNITY. I THINK THIS
3 STARTS WITH THE POLICY STATEMENT IN THE PLAN THAT I'LL READ A
4 PORTION OF IT BECAUSE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS A
5 POLICY STATEMENT. AND THE STANDARDS AND THE PLAN STEM FROM
6 THIS POLICY STATEMENT AND I'LL QUOTE. "PRESERVE THE
7 OPPORTUNITY FOR HORSE KEEPING IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUESTRIAN-
8 ORIENTED TRADITION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. ENCOURAGE
9 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUESTRIAN FRIENDLY TRAIL HEAD PARKING
10 AND STAGING TO PROMOTE LOW COST PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRAILS." THE
11 PLAN ALSO HAS STANDARDS FOR EQUESTRIAN USES THAT IS MUCH MORE
12 LIBERAL THAN THE COASTAL COMMISSION USES TODAY; IN FACT, THE
13 COASTAL COMMISSION IS I THINK I CAN SAY IS NOT EQUESTRIAN-
14 FRIENDLY. THIS PLAN, AS THE POLICY STATEMENT SAYS AND AS
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS SAID, THIS PLAN IS EQUESTRIAN-
16 FRIENDLY AND IS MUCH MORE LIBERAL IN THE RULES FOR HORSE
17 KEEPING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO OVERALL IS THE PLAN MORE OR LESS
20 RESTRICTIVE THAN THE CURRENT COASTAL PLAN?

21

22 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT THE COASTAL
23 COMMISSION USES TODAY.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN ITS PRESENT FORM, WAS IT PRESENTED TO THE
2 COMMUNITY SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE REVIEW AND COMMENT?

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION AS
5 DESCRIBED BY THE SUPERVISOR WITH THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M TALKING ABOUT OTHER AREAS BESIDES
8 EQUESTRIAN, AS WELL.

9

10 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** OH, THERE WAS PRESENTATION TO 35 HOMEOWNER
11 GROUPS. THERE WERE PRESENTATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS. AND A LARGE
12 NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS, IN ADDITION TO WHICH THE PLAN HAS
13 BEEN POSTED AND AVAILABLE FOR THE LAST FIVE WEEKS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO VINEYARDS?

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE PLAN DOES NOT PERMIT NEW VINEYARDS. IT
18 PERMITS EXISTING VINEYARDS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE STATE
19 THEREIN. AND THERE WAS A BALANCE REQUIRED BETWEEN
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND THE ABILITY TO INTRODUCE NEW
21 VINEYARDS INTO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU CAN'T HAVE NEW VINEYARDS.

24

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1 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO, IT DOES NOT ALLOW NEW VINEYARDS. IT
2 PERMITS THE EXISTING VINEYARDS TO CONTINUE AND TO FLOURISH.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, IF I COULD ADD TO THAT. THE COASTAL
5 COMMISSION DOES NOT ALLOW NEW VINEYARDS, SO IN ORDER TO PUT A
6 NEW VINEYARD IN, YOU NOT ONLY HAVE TO GET A PERMIT FROM US,
7 BUT FROM COASTAL. COASTAL WILL NOT APPROVE NEW VINEYARDS. SO
8 IT'S NOT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT COASTAL ALREADY DOES. IT'S
9 JUST REFLECTING WHAT THEY DO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE COASTAL COMMISSION TODAY VERSUS THE
12 COASTAL COMMISSION TOMORROW COULD HAVE DIFFERENT POLICIES
13 RELATIVE TO VINEYARDS. I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE PUTTING IN
14 A TOXIC DUMP. A VINEYARD ADDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL.

15

16 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** TO PUT THAT IN CONTEXT, SUPERVISOR, THE VIEW
17 OF VINEYARDS HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE-- THE VIEW OF VINEYARDS
18 HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE CONCERNING TO COASTAL COMMISSION
19 BECAUSE OF THE PESTICIDES, THE FERTILIZERS, THE WATER QUALITY
20 AND QUITE FRANKLY, THE LACK OF WATER IN THE SANTA MONICA
21 MOUNTAINS, SO THEIR VIEW OF VINEYARDS HAS BEEN LESS AND LESS
22 FRIENDLY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE ORGANIC VINEYARDS THAT DON'T HAVE
25 THOSE TYPES OF CHEMICALS. SO AGAIN YOU'RE PAINTING THEM WITH A

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1 BROAD BRUSH IS A PROBLEM. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE REVIEW AND
2 PERMITTING PROCESS THAT WILL BE IN THE H1, H2 AND H3 ZONES?

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** CURRENTLY THE OVERVIEW OF THAT IS THAT
5 CURRENTLY YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH A COUNTY PROCESS, A FULL
6 COUNTY PROCESS AND THEN TRANSITION AND MOVE ON TO THE COASTAL
7 PROCESS. SO CURRENTLY YOU HAVE TWO COMPLETE PROCESSES YOU HAVE
8 TO MOVE THROUGH. IF THIS PLAN WERE APPROVED, YOU WOULD ONLY
9 NEED TO COME TO THE COUNTY FOR PERMITTING. IN TERMS OF THE
10 RULES FOR PERMITTING, THE RULES ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME
11 EXCEPT THAT ON EVERY SINGLE PARCEL, THE COASTAL COMMISSION HAS
12 TO MAKE FINDINGS THAT THE USE IS NOT A TAKING. IN THIS PLAN,
13 THERE ARE EXPLICIT STANDARDS FOR HOW TO DEVELOP AND WHAT YOU
14 CAN DEVELOP AND THERE ARE BY RIGHT DEVELOPMENTS PERMITTED.
15 WHEREAS CURRENTLY IN COASTAL, NOTHING IS BY RIGHT. YOU HAVE TO
16 GO THROUGH A WHOLE SERIES OF FINDINGS AND A VERY COMPLICATED
17 PROCESS AS WELL AS AS I STATED TO BEGIN WITH, THE TWO-STAGE
18 PROCESS, THE COUNTY PROCESS AND THE COASTAL PROCESS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THIS NEW PROCESS INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN
21 TIME AND AN INCREASE IN FEES?

22

23 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO, IT DOES NOT. THIS PROCESS WILL DECREASE
24 THE AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO GET PERMITS AGAIN BECAUSE YOU
25 HAVE TO GO THROUGH A TWO-STAGE PROCESS CURRENTLY AND YOU'LL

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1 HAVE A ONE-STAGE PROCESS IN THE FUTURE. IN TERMS OF FEES, THE
2 COASTAL COMMISSION REQUIRES FOR ANY STRUCTURE, FOR ANY
3 STRUCTURE THAT THERE BE A MITIGATION FEE. THIS PLAN HAS BY
4 RIGHT USES AND STANDARDS, AND THERE IS NOT A MITIGATION FEE
5 FOR THOSE BY RIGHT STANDARDS. AND WE'RE USING, IN TERMS OF THE
6 PERMIT AND APPLICATION FEES, THE ONES THAT THIS BOARD HAS
7 APPROVED AND WE'VE BEEN USING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING
8 THE OTHER COASTAL AREAS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THIS PROTECT THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL
11 TAKING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY?

12

13 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THIS PLAN, AGAIN, I THINK IT'S VERY
14 IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE, THIS PLAN HAS BY-RIGHT USES, AND THE
15 COASTAL COMMISSION REQUIRES A FINDING ON EVERY SINGLE
16 PROPERTY. THIS PLAN IS CLEAR. IT HAS STANDARDS. IT HAS
17 PERMITTED USES. SO IT IS MUCH MORE CLEAR. IF YOU WERE TO GO TO
18 COASTAL AND SAY, "WHAT CAN I DO?" THEY DON'T HAVE A BOOK OR A
19 CODE THAT THEY CAN SHOW YOU. EVERY PROPERTY IS A NEGOTIATION.
20 SO THIS IS OF MORE CERTAINTY FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THAT ENHANCE THE PROTECTION OF
23 PROPERTY, PRIVATE PROPERTY?

24

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1 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL, AGAIN, FIRST OF ALL YOU ONLY HAVE TO
2 COME TO ONE PERMITTING AUTHORITY AS OPPOSED TO TWO.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T CARE WHO THEY APPEAR BEFORE, BUT AT
5 THE END RESULT, DOES IT PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY?

6

7 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IT PROTECTS PRIVATE PROPERTY BECAUSE YOU
8 HAVE A RIGHT TO BUILD.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE REVIEW
11 PROCESS GRANDFATHERED?

12

13 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS AND
14 ARE NOT PERMITTED WILL HAVE TO CONFORM TO THE PLAN,
15 UNFORTUNATELY. AND THAT IS STATE LAW. I DON'T KNOW IF COUNTY
16 COUNSEL WANTS TO COMMENT ON THAT, BUT THAT'S STATE LAW, THAT
17 ONCE THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED, THAT WILL BE THE STANDARD UNDER
18 WHICH THE REVIEW IS-- AND WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE IN THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY ARE IN THAT PROCESS RIGHT NOW?

21

22 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEEL FOR THAT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY ARE CLOSE TO BE APPROVED RIGHT
25 NOW?

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1

2 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEEL FOR WHERE THEY ARE
3 IN THE PROCESS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE
6 IN THE PROCESS SO THAT WE DON'T ADD AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN UPON
7 THOSE UPON THOSE THAT ARE ABOUT TO BE APPROVED, ONLY TO GO
8 BACK TO THE STARTING GATE AND START OVER AGAIN?

9

10 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL, IF THIS PLAN WERE APPROVED, WE WOULD
11 SCHEDULE IT FOR COASTAL HEARING IN THE SPRING. AND THEN IT
12 WOULD COME BACK TO THIS BOARD AND THEN GO BACK TO COASTAL. SO
13 IF SOMEONE IS IN PROCESS, THEY HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS TO PERFECT
14 THAT PERMIT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S NO THRESHOLD FOR APPROVAL? I
17 MEAN NOT APPROVAL. BUT THERE'S NO THRESHOLD THAT IF THEY'RE X
18 FAR INTO THE PROCESS, THEY'RE GRANDFATHERED?

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME ON
21 THAT. TYPICALLY, WHEN THIS BOARD ADOPTS, SAY, A SPECIFIC PLAN
22 OR OTHER PLANS, THERE IS, WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPLETE
23 APPLICATION, YOU ARE PROCESSED UNDER THE EXISTING RULES.
24 UNFORTUNATELY, AND MAYBE COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS TO COMMENT ON

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1 THIS, ONCE THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED, YOU MUST CONFORM TO THAT
2 PLAN, EVEN IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EVEN IF IT'S COMING BEFORE US, WE CAN'T
5 SAY THAT WE CAN'T CONTROL THE PROCESS? IF IT'S IN PROCESS? I
6 MEAN IF THEY'RE LIKE 80 PERCENT, 90 PERCENT THROUGH.

7

8 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF THEY'RE 80 OR 90 PERCENT THROUGH,
9 HOPEFULLY IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE PLAN IS
10 PERFECTED, THEY WOULD COMPLETE THAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOPEFULLY THAT WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD THAT
13 INFORMATION BEFORE US BEFORE WE PUT THE NOOSE AROUND THEIR
14 NECK. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THIS IS REALLY INCOMPLETE RIGHT NOW. I
15 MEAN, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT MINOR MODIFICATION.

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** AGAIN, IF SOMEONE IS IN THE PROCESS, THEY
18 HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS BEFORE THIS TAKES
19 PLACE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE TAKING TESTIMONY. COULD ANYONE IN
22 YOUR OFFICE DETERMINE HOW MANY NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ARE IN
23 THAT?

24

25 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN TO GET THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF YARDS PROVIDED FOR
3 BRUSH CLEARANCE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU MEAN THE FUEL MODIFICATION AREA REQUIRED, MR.
6 SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT I BELIEVE WAS
9 ASKING FOR WAS IT 300-YARD BRUSH CLEARANCE BECAUSE OF THE
10 PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH THE STATION FIRE AND THE PROBLEMS THAT
11 WE'VE HAD IN RECENT FIRES?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** MR. SUPERVISOR, THE REQUIRED DISTANCE BY THE FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IS A 200-FOOT FUEL
15 MODIFICATION ZONE AROUND THOSE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THIS ONE IS 300 FEET?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** NO, SIR. IT STAYS AT 200. WE ARE NOT REVISING THE
20 FUEL MODIFICATION ZONES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS YOU SHOULD IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT
23 PROPERTY AND LIFE. DID ANY OF THESE CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS
24 THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED TO US, HAVE THEY BEEN SUBJECT TO
25 PUBLIC REVIEW?

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1

2 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ABSOLUTELY. AS I SAID AT THE OUTSET, THE
3 PLAN HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR FOUR MONTHS. THEY HAVE BEEN
4 OUTREACHED TO APPROXIMATELY 35 HOMEOWNER GROUPS, BUT THIS PLAN
5 IS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE 2007 PLAN AND A REFINEMENT OF THAT. AND
6 THERE WERE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH DURING THAT TIME
7 AND DURING THE LAST FOUR WEEKS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE SOME
10 PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEING INCLUDED THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN
11 DISCUSSED AND OUGHT TO BE SET FOR A PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC
12 HEARINGS BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, BEFORE FINAL
13 CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD.

14

15 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL THERE ARE SOME MODIFICATIONS THAT I
16 MENTIONED. THEY CAME OUT OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO'S THE PUBLIC?

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE INTERESTED PARTIES, THE HOMEOWNERS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A LAUREL AND HARDY MOVIE ONE TIME
23 THAT THREE OF THEM WERE ON AN ISLAND. THREE PEOPLE. LAUREL AND
24 HARDY AND ONE OTHER PERSON. SO OLIVER BECOMES THE PRESIDENT,
25 THE KING, THE OTHER PERSON BECOMES THE VICE PRESIDENT AND STAN

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1 SAYS, "WELL WHAT AM I?" AND THEY SAID, "WELL, YOU'RE THE
2 PEOPLE." SO SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE IN POWER, THEY TAKE
3 ALL THE POWER; AND THE PEOPLE HAVE NO INPUT IN THAT FINAL
4 OUTCOME. AND THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE, THAT WE DIDN'T
5 HAVE A WELL ENOUGH PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS TO HAVE THIS
6 INFORMATION BROUGHT TO US BEFORE WE MAKE A FINAL DECISION
7 INSTEAD OF HAVING ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, WHATEVER,
8 BYPASSING THAT PROCESS. THAT'S MY CONCERN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SINCE I HEARD FROM A FEW OF
11 YOU WANTING TO SHOUT OUT, THE RULES OF THE BOARD ARE: WE DON'T
12 ALLOW SHOUTING OR BOOING OR HISSING OR APPLAUSE. IF YOU
13 SUPPORT A SPEAKER, JUST GO LIKE THIS. IF YOU OPPOSE IT, SIT ON
14 YOUR HANDS. SO MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL START CALLING THE INDIVIDUALS. I
17 DON'T HAVE A CLOCK HERE. SO YOU'LL LET ME KNOW. THE LIGHT WILL
18 GO ON. OKAY. EVERYBODY WILL HAVE A MINUTE TO SPEAK. WE HAVE
19 QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD. I'M GOING TO
20 CALL FOUR AT A TIME SO THAT YOU CAN COME UP HERE. SAMANTHA
21 BLAKE, DANIEL BAHR, BETH COLLINS-BURGARD AND LISA SUSSMAN. MS.
22 BLAKE?

23

24 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** I'M SAMANTHA BLAKE.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU START?

2

3 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED
4 TO-- JUST BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, I AM A PROPERTY OWNER. MY
5 HUSBAND AND I HAVE TWO PARCELS, ONE HAS AN ACTIVE AND OPEN
6 COASTAL PERMIT. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING RIGHT NOW
7 THE ADJOINING PARCEL WE JUST BOUGHT THREE YEARS AGO. WE ARE
8 CURRENTLY IN THE A1 ZONE. WE'RE ZONED A1. FROM THE PROPOSED
9 L.C.P., IT APPEARS THAT WE'RE NOW AN O.S. INSTEAD OF R.C. ONE
10 OF THE REASONS THAT WE BOUGHT, AND PRIMARY REASON THAT WE
11 BOUGHT THE PROPERTY WAS BECAUSE OF THE A1 ZONING. I RIGHT NOW
12 GROW CROPS PERSONALLY IN MY HOME VEGETABLE GARDEN, BUT I HAVE
13 ASPIRATIONS TO BE AN ORGANIC FARMER. AND ONE OF THE MAIN
14 REASONS I BOUGHT-- OR WE BOUGHT THIS PROPERTY WAS SO THAT I
15 COULD GROW CROPS, HAVE CHICKENS, KEEP BEES. AND IT SEEMS TO ME
16 THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A REGULATORY TAKING BY REZONING THE
17 PROPERTY AND TAKING AWAY THE ABILITY TO GROW CROPS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I THINK I KNOW YOUR POINT.
20 AND WE'LL ADDRESS THAT AT THE END OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. BUT I
21 WILL JUST SAY IT'S NOT A TAKING. YOU HAVE OTHER USES FOR YOUR
22 PROPERTY. AND BY THE WAY, JUST BECAUSE THERE MAY BE SOME OTHER
23 PEOPLE WHO COME HERE WITH THE SAME-- COME UP HERE WITH THE
24 SAME ARGUMENT. RIGHT NOW IF YOU WANTED TO EXPAND YOUR
25 AGRICULTURAL USES, YOU'D HAVE TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE COASTAL

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1 COMMISSION. THEY WOULD NOT GRANT IT BECAUSE THEY PROHIBIT
2 AGRICULTURE. THIS IS NOT A COUNTY CHOICE. IN FACT, I PROBABLY
3 DON'T THINK THERE'S A PERSON UP HERE WHO WOULD NOT MIND SEEING
4 A FEW MORE WINERIES IN THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS AROUND SOUTHERN
5 CALIFORNIA. BUT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE COASTAL
6 COMMISSION GOVERNS AND THEY DO NOT PERMIT AGRICULTURE,
7 VINEYARDS, AGRICULTURE OF ANY KIND. SO WHETHER WE APPROVE THIS
8 PLAN OR NOT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXPAND YOUR AGRICULTURAL
9 USE.

10

11 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** I DO HAVE A QUICK QUESTION, MAY I, IF I MIGHT?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD SINCE I SPOKE.

14

15 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** WITH REGARD TO AN OPEN AND ACTIVE PERMIT THAT
16 HAS BEEN APPROVED ALREADY, WE HAVE A COMBINED--

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. BUCKNER, DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT?

19

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21

22 **>>RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF YOU HAVE A PERMIT, IT'S VALID. IT WILL
23 STAY VALID AFTER THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED.

24

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1 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** INCLUDING THE PLANTING PLAN THAT WE HAVE THAT
2 INCLUDES MY VEGETABLE GARDEN BEYOND 20 FEET.

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF YOU HAVE AN APPROVED L.C.P.-- EXCUSE ME,
5 A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, YOU'RE OKAY. YOU'RE ALLOWED TO
6 DO THAT. AND I WOULD CLARIFY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HOME
7 VEGETABLE GARDEN, THERE'S A CARVE OUT FOR ALL HOME USE.

8

9 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** RIGHT, BUT THAT'S WITHIN THE 20-FOOT ZONE
10 WHICH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES TO BE DENUDED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, YOU GOT YOUR ANSWER. YOU'LL BE OKAY.
13 DANIEL BAHR?

14

15 **DANIEL BAHR:** HI. I GUESS MY CONCERN WAS SIMILAR. MOSTLY I'M IN
16 FAVOR OF THE PLAN. IT'S THE DOWNZONING THAT RAISED THE CONCERN
17 WITH PROPERTIES WHICH HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY USED FOR A
18 PARTICULAR USE BEING DOWNZONED AND THEN CREATING ISSUES.

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YOUR PARTICULAR PROPERTY WAS ONE THAT DURING
21 OUR PUBLIC OUTREACH CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AND WE ACTUALLY ARE
22 RECOMMENDING A CHANGE TO BE MORE IN CONFORMANCE WITH WHAT
23 YOU'RE USING YOUR PROPERTY FOR. THAT'S ONE OF THE MISTAKES WE
24 MADE. AND THAT WAS WHY THE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND OUR LISTENING
25 WAS SO IMPORTANT.

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1

2 **DANIEL BAHR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BETH COLLINS-BURGARD?

5

6 **BETH COLLINS-BURGARD:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD
7 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS BETH COLLINS- BURGARD. I'M A LAND USE
8 ATTORNEY AT BROWNSTEIN REPRESENTING THE RAMIREZ CANYON
9 PRESERVATION FUND, WHITING WAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND
10 JONATHAN KAYE. WE SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS LAST WEEK, AND
11 I'LL SUMMARIZE QUICKLY. THE BOARD CANNOT MAKE THE FINDINGS
12 THAT ARE REQUIRED TO SEND THIS L.C.P. DRAFT TO THE COASTAL
13 COMMISSION. THE PROPOSED L.C.P.'S INCONSISTENT WITH THE
14 COASTAL ACT BECAUSE IT USES DESIGNATIONS SUCH AS ZERO, H1, H2,
15 H3 TO DESCRIBE E.S.H.A. AND ALLOWS USES THAT DO NOT PROTECT OR
16 PRESERVE E.S.H.A., IN FACT, THAT DESTROY E.S.H.A., AND SO IT'S
17 CONTRARY TO THE COASTAL ACT. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROPOSED L.C.P.
18 VIOLATES THE COASTAL ACT BY DEFINING CAMP GROUNDS AS A
19 RESOURCE DEPENDENT USE WHICH IS ALSO DETAILED IN OUR LETTER.
20 FINALLY OR ADDITIONALLY, ALLOWING CAMPING IN E.S.H.A. IN THE
21 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS POSES AN UNACCEPTABLE WILDFIRE RISK.
22 THE L.U.P. ACKNOWLEDGES THAT CHAPARRAL AND COASTAL SAGE SHRUB
23 DOMINATE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND IS, QUOTE, "ONE OF THE
24 MOST VOLATILE FUEL TYPES IN THE WORD." YET THE L.C.P. ALLOWS
25 CAMP GROUNDS IN OPEN SPACE OF ALL TYPES AND IT PROPOSES TO DO

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1 SO WITH THE STAFF LEVEL APPROVAL, LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE AND NO
2 HEARING. FINALLY, THERE IS THIS ADDITIONAL SIX PAGES OF
3 INFORMATION THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED JUST IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR TIME'S UP. I HAVE TO KEEP THE TIME
6 BECAUSE IT'S NOT FAIR TO EVERYBODY ELSE. SO IF YOU WANT TO
7 MAKE THAT LETTER AVAILABLE, WE'LL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

8

9 **BETH COLLINS-BURGARD:** WELL THERE'S NEW INFORMATION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I HAVE TO DO THIS BECAUSE OTHERWISE
12 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DO THIS FOR EVERYBODY. AND WE HAVE ALMOST
13 100 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. LISA SUSSMAN? BEFORE YOU
14 SPEAK, LET ME CALL ON THE NEXT GROUP OF FOUR OR THREE, PAUL
15 CULBURG, NANCY HELSLEY AND KIM LAMORIE. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **LISA SUSSMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. YOU'RE VERY
18 FAMILIAR WITH MY NEIGHBORHOOD. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS SUNSET MESA.
19 I'M ONE OF THE THOUSAND HOMEOWNERS THAT LIVE IN SUNSET MESA. I
20 SENT IN A LETTER, JANUARY 28TH IS THE DATE OF THE LETTER. IT'S
21 VERY DETAILED SO I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL, BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE
22 IT, I HAVE A COPY FOR YOU. I ALSO HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT SENT IN
23 A LETTER FEBRUARY 3RD. ESSENTIALLY THE CONCERNS ARE THIS: IT
24 APPEARS TO ME THAT THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN DOES NOT TAKE INTO
25 CONCERN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPED NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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1 IS ONE THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. WE HAVE A VERY HIGH
2 DENSITY POPULATION. AND WHAT WE ALSO HAPPEN TO HAVE IS WE HAVE
3 A COUPLE OF OPEN SPACES. ONE OF THE OPEN SPACES IS ABUTTING
4 THE FRONTAGE OF THE MESA. IT'S THE ONE THAT'S HAD LANDSLIDES.
5 IT'S HAD NUMEROUS PROBLEMS. THE COASTAL COMMISSION HAS SINCE
6 1950S WHEN THE PROPERTIES WERE BUILT, IT WAS NEVER BUILT TO BE
7 BUILT ON. THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY DENIED BECAUSE IT
8 UNFORTUNATELY WAS RESTRICTED AND IT WENT TO PUBLIC SALE BY A
9 SPECULATOR. IT HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN DENIED USE BECAUSE IT'S A
10 PROBLEM. I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M AWARE OF YOUR ISSUES. THANK YOU. PAUL
13 CULBERG? AND BEFORE YOU GO ON, PAUL, LET ME JUST CALL ROGER
14 PUGLIESE? COMING DOWN, PAUL?

15

16 **PAUL CULBERG:** I'LL MAKE A FAST STATEMENT. I AM A RESIDENT OF
17 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. AND IN THAT
18 TIME, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THIS BODY, I HAVE SEEN INORDINATE
19 DESTRUCTION OF OUR REGION'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS. OUR
20 MOUNTAINS AND COASTLINE DISAGGREGATE PATCHWORK OF PRIVATE
21 NATIONAL STATE CONSERVANCY LANDS MAKES UP THE LARGEST URBAN
22 PARK IN THE COUNTRY. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF NATURE BRIDGE WHICH
23 FOSTERS ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY FOR A SUSTAINABLE PLANET. WE
24 FIND THESE MOUNTAINS AND ITS DIVERSE TEACHING CLIMATES OF
25 ENORMOUS VALUE. I DO NOT SPEAK FOR NATURE BRIDGE WHICH IS A

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1 NONPOLITICAL ORGANIZATION, BUT FOR MYSELF. I VALUE THE
2 MAINTENANCE OF THIS DIVERSITY AS PLACES TO TEACH OUR YOUTH AND
3 PROVIDE BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY AND THE EXPERIENCE OF
4 SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN THE SHADOW OF BALLARD MOUNTAIN. I BEG
5 YOU TO PASS THIS PROPOSAL FOR IT IS THE MOST BALANCED APPROACH
6 FOR PROTECTING THIS ASSET THAT I HAVE SEEN IN THESE 40 YEARS.
7 AND I THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NANCY HELSLEY?

10

11 **NANCY HELSLEY:** I'M NANCY HELSLEY, A RESIDENT OF THE COLD CREEK
12 AREA OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND A DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD
13 OF THE MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST. THE TRUST IS PARTICULARLY
14 PLEASED WITH THE CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENTS OF THIS
15 PLAN. WE FIND IT TO BE A VERY FLEXIBLE AND WORKABLE DOCUMENT.
16 AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORT COUNTY-WIDE, CITIZEN-
17 WIDE IN BRINGING THIS TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. KIM LAMORIE?

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21 **KIM LAMORIE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M KIM LAMORIE AND
22 I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION,
23 REPRESENTING ALMOST 10,000 HOME, PROPERTY AND HORSE OWNERS IN
24 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT
25 THE L.C.P. AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TODAY

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1 WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. FOR SEVEN YEARS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
2 WITH THE COUNTY TO BRING BALANCE, CONSISTENCY AND
3 PREDICTABILITY TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE,
4 AND THE L.C.P. REFLECTS THESE EFFORTS. IT LOCKS IN CRITICAL
5 RESOURCE PROTECTIONS, SAFEGUARDS THE CHARACTER OF OUR MOUNTAIN
6 COMMUNITIES, ENHANCES RECREATIONAL BENEFITS AND PUBLIC ACCESS
7 FOR EVERYONE. IT ENSURES HORSE OWNERS AND OUR L.C.P.
8 COMMUNITIES OF TOPANGA, MONTE NIDO, COLD CREEK AND MALIBU LAKE
9 CAN THRIVE AND BRINGS THE PERMITTING AUTHORITY BACK TO THE
10 COUNTY, RESTORING LOCAL CONTROL. WITHOUT THIS L.C.P., THE
11 COASTAL COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE ITS CASE BY CASE AD HOC
12 POLICY INTERPRETATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS. THIS FAILS
13 HOMEOWNERS AND COASTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ALIKE. THE L.C.P.
14 IS A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT THAT RESPECTS ALL STAKEHOLDERS'
15 INTERESTS.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KIM, I HAVE TO--

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19 **KIM LAMORIE:** OKAY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:**-- CUT YOU OFF, BUT THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE A
22 PREPARED STATEMENT, WE'LL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

23

24 **KIM LAMORIE:** YEAH, I'VE GOT IT. THAT'S GOOD.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ROGER, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, LET ME CALL UP JOEL
2 SCHULMAN, RUTH GERSON AND HAROLD HELSLEY. ROGER?

3

4 **ROGER PUGLIESE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HONORABLE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS. FIRST LET ME SAY I AM A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF
6 TOPANGA CANYON. I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION
7 FOR SCENIC COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSED L.C.P. IN ITS
8 ENTIRETY. THE ORGANIZATION HAS AT PRESENT OVER 600 RESIDENTS,
9 AND THEY ARE ALL IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS DOCUMENT. THE
10 DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED ON TIRELESSLY, AS YOU ALL KNOW,
11 BY REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF, GINA NATOLI, BEN SALZMAN AND
12 OTHERS. IT'S FAIR AND BALANCED. IT WILL PROTECT RESOURCES AS
13 WELL AS PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE
14 IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US, BOTH IN TOPANGA, OUT OF TOPANGA AND
15 THE ENTIRE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. SO I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
16 THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, ROGER. JOEL SCHULMAN.

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20 **JOEL SCHULMAN:** THANK YOU. I LIVE IN MALIBU, THREE MILES UP
21 FROM THE OCEAN ON CORRAL CANYON ROAD. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE
22 POINT THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PLAN TO PASS, NOT JUST FOR
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE, ALTHOUGH THANK YOU A LOT FOR
24 THAT, BUT BECAUSE AT THE BOTTOM OF MY ROAD IS SOLSTICE CANYON
25 PARK. AT THE TOP OF MY ROAD IS A MAJOR ACCESS WAY TO THE TRAIL

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1 SYSTEM. I'VE SEEN THE USE OF THIS AREA EXPLODE OVER THE LAST
2 COUPLE OF DECADES. IT'S EXTREMELY CROWDED, WHICH IS A LITTLE
3 INCONVENIENT FOR ME, BUT I'M ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED. IT IS A
4 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
5 COUNTY AND BEYOND BECAUSE THE USE IS IMMENSE AND GROWING AND
6 PEOPLE HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE CITY. AND THEY LOVE THE NATURE.
7 AND THEY LOVE THE QUIET. AND THEY LOVE THE FLORA AND FAUNA. SO
8 THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT; THIS IS FOR
9 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT AND OTHERS. BUT
10 I'D ALSO LIKE TO REASSURE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT I
11 ACTUALLY DID HAVE-- I'M A PRIVATE CITIZEN. I HAD INPUT INTO
12 THIS PROCESS AND THEY PAID ATTENTION. IT WORKED WELL.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. RUTH GERSON.

15

16 **RUTH GERSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RUTH
17 GERSON. I'M AN EQUESTRIAN AS SOME OF YOU KNOW AND I REPRESENT
18 RECREATION AND EQUESTRIAN COALITION. AND WE WORKED WITH THE
19 COUNTY AND WITH ZEV'S OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES, AND WE ARE IN
20 SUPPORT OF THE L.C.P. AS AMENDED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, RUTH, VERY MUCH. AND FOR ALL OF
23 YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS. YOU'VE BEEN
24 A REAL TREASURE. YEAH.

25

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1 **HAROLD HELSLEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON A SECOND, HAL. I WANT TO CALL THREE

4 MORE PEOPLE. SHEILA GOLDNER, ROBERT HAHN, AND PATRICIA HEALY.

5 AND BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING, HAL, I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE,

6 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THIS IS HAL HELSLEY, WHO JUST RETIRED AS

7 A MEMBER OF OUR PLANNING COMMISSION AFTER 13 YEARS. AND HE DID

8 A GREAT JOB FOR US. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO

9 HONOR YOU HERE NEXT MONTH. BUT I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS

10 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.

11

12 **HAROLD HELSLEY:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SERVED,

13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND COUNTY

14 STAFF. IT'S NOT JUST SUPERVISORS, BUT COUNTY STAFF IS THE

15 SUPPORT PEOPLE HERE. I'M HAL HELSLEY, I COME FROM COLD CREEK

16 AND IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH COLD CREEK, IT'S ONE OF THE

17 PRISTINE CANYONS THAT HAS BEEN VERY, VERY IMPORTANT IN THE

18 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THERE ARE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT GO

19 THROUGH THERE THAT CARRY THE MESSAGE OF CONSERVATION AND

20 COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO OVER 3,000 STUDENTS A YEAR IN THIS

21 SMALL LITTLE CANYON. THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE

22 PLANNING STAFF IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. IT'S A GREAT IMPROVEMENT

23 OVER WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN A TWO-PART PROCESS THAT IS VERY

24 CUMBERSOME AND VERY EXPENSIVE. AND THE COUNTY'S PROPOSAL IS

25 ONE THAT IS OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN

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1 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE NATION
2 BECAUSE IT'S THE SANTA MONICAS THAT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
3 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE EVERY YEAR TO GET OUT AND RECREATE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHEILA GOLDNER?

6

7 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** HI.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU START, CAN WE GET A FOURTH CHAIR
10 UP THERE? I THOUGHT WE HAD FOUR CHAIRS. THERE IS.

11

12 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE L.C.P. AS AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** THANKS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PATRICIA HEALY?

19

20 **PATRICIA HEALY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I LIVE IN THE
21 COASTAL ZONE. THE L.C.P. PROTECTS BOTH THE MOUNTAINS AND
22 PROPERTY VALUES. AND FROM A LARGER PERSPECTIVE, THE SANTA
23 MONICA MOUNTAINS IS A FINITE RESOURCE THAT NEEDS PROTECTION
24 FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE SANTA MONICAS IS NOT ONLY THE
25 LUNGS OF LOS ANGELES, PURIFYING OUR AIR, BUT MAKES L.A. A MORE

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1 LIVABLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL OF US. SO PLEASE ADOPT THE L.C.P.

2 TODAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JOAN KAY?

5

6 **ROBERT HAHN:** GOT ROBERT HAHN THERE?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU ROBERT HAHN. I KNOW I CALLED YOUR

9 NAME. I SKIPPED YOU. ROBERT HAHN.

10

11 **ROBERT HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR. SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SORRY

12 ABOUT THAT. BEFORE YOU START, ROBERT, LET ME ASK JOAN KAY TO

13 COME FORWARD, WENDY PEDDICORD AND ROSI DAGIT. MR. HAHN, YOU'RE

14 ON.

15

16 **ROBERT HAHN:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR

17 SERVICE BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, I WANTED TO SAY THAT. I HAVE

18 LIVED IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IN TOPANGA FOR 34 YEARS,

19 BEEN A MEMBER OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY. I URGE YOU, THERE'S

20 BEEN SO MUCH WORK, GOOD WORK, SOLID WORK DONE ON THIS PROPOSAL

21 TO PLEASE PASS THE L.C.P. WE NEED IT. WE NEED IT REALLY BAD.

22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS, MR. HAHN. JOAN KAY?

25

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1 **JOAN KAY:** MY NAME IS JOAN KAY AND I LIVE IN MONTE NIDO. I'M A
2 MEMBER OF THE HORSE COMMUNITY AND I SUPPORT THE LOCAL COASTAL
3 PROGRAM FULLY AND URGE ALL OF YOU TO PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT
4 IT'S A GOOD THING, NOT A BAD THING. I'VE LIVED IN MONTE NIDO
5 FOR 53 YEARS. IN THESE YEARS, I'VE SEEN MUCH OF NATURE LOST.
6 JUST PASSED QUIETLY AWAY OUT OF THE PICTURE. MY FAMILY AND I
7 USED TO GO TO DINNER IN WOODLAND HILLS AND COME BACK OVER COLD
8 CANYON, AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY CARS ON COLD CANYON, BUT
9 THERE WOULD BE COYOTE, FOX, BOBCAT, COUGAR. AT HOME IN BED, WE
10 MARVELED AT THE MARVEL OF MARVELS, THE CATERWAULING OF THE
11 GREAT LION. ONCE HEARD, YOU NEVER FORGET IT, IT NEVER GETS OUT
12 OF YOUR BLOOD. I WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO VISIT OUR
13 PARK LANDS. GO THERE. MAYBE IF YOU'RE VERY LUCKY, YOU WILL
14 HEAR CATERWAULING OF THE GREAT CAT SCREAM, AND YOU'LL REMEMBER
15 IT FOREVER. YOU'LL BE REMINDED OF YOUR PLACE IN NATURE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WENDY PEDDICORD?

18

19 **WENDY PEDDICORD:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS WENDY PEDDICORD AND
20 I'M FROM CALABASAS. I'VE LIVED THERE SINCE 1975. I'VE WORKED
21 FOR STATE PARKS AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA, AND
22 I AM SO PROUD AND PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO SPEAK UP
23 FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT, VERY IMPORTANT L.C.P. SO I AM IN 100
24 PERCENT SUPPORT. AND I HOPE THAT EVERYBODY WILL CONSIDER HOW

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1 IMPORTANT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ARE TO EVERYONE IN THE
2 AREA. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WENDY. ROSI DAGIT?
5 BEFORE YOU START, ROSY, LET ME CALL UP MELANIE BECK, TOBY
6 KEELER, AND EMMA WILBY. ROSI?

7

8 **ROSI DAGIT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SPEAK WITH THIS THIS MORNING. MY NAME
10 IS ROSI DAGIT. I'M A SENIOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST FOR THE
11 RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS.
12 THE R.C.D. HAS BEEN A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY, WORKING FOR
13 MANY YEARS. WE'VE SEEN ALL THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT AND
14 TREMENDOUS OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC, TO OTHER N.G.O.S TO
15 EVERYONE THAT THEY COULD FIND TO GET INPUT ON THIS PLAN. AND I
16 AM REALLY IMPRESSED WITH ARTICULATION OF A VISION FOR THE
17 COUNTY'S COASTAL RESOURCES FOR 50 YEARS, 100 YEARS INTO THE
18 FUTURE. THAT'S WHAT PLANNING IS ABOUT. SO WE URGE THAT THE
19 SUPERVISORS ADOPT THIS PLAN, AND WE SUPPORT ALL THE EFFORT AND
20 COMMEND THE COUNTY STAFF IN PARTICULAR FOR A TREMENDOUS JOB
21 WELL DONE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, ROSI. MELANIE BECK?

24

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1 **MELANIE BECK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF
2 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THIS MORNING, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
3 NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. WE FIND THE L.C.P. LARGELY
4 CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL PARK MANAGEMENT GOALS AND STRATEGIES.
5 L.C.P. JURISDICTION LIES COMPLETELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE
6 NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. N.P.S. OWNS SEVERAL PARKLAND SITES
7 WITHIN THIS AREA. OUR ACTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO COASTAL
8 COMMISSION CERTIFICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL COASTAL ZONE
9 MANAGEMENT ACT. COASTAL USED THIS L.C.P. TO EVALUATE THE
10 CONSISTENCY OF OUR ACTIONS FOR COASTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION. TO
11 THAT END, THE L.C.P. PROVIDES A STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE
12 FRAMEWORK AND IS AN N.P.S. COMPATIBLE STANDARD UNDER WHICH TO
13 OPERATE. WE WELCOME THE POLICIES ON PARK- LAND SETBACKS, THE
14 TAILORING OF HABIT PROTECTION AND THE FIRM DIRECTION TOWARD
15 PRESERVING INTACT NATIVE HABITAT AND THE STRONG TRAILS AND
16 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. TODAY, WE FIND THE PLAN EMBODIES
17 THE COOPERATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROLE THAT CONGRESS ENVISIONED
18 TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA IN A
19 MIXED PUBLIC PRIVATE LAND OWNERSHIP SETTING. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. TOBY KEELER?

22

23 **TOBY KEELER:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE, MY NAME IS TOBY KEELER
24 AND I LIVE IN OLD TOPANGA. THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN BEFORE YOU
25 TODAY IS BASED ON A JOINT SCIENTIFIC EFFORT OF THE COUNTY AND

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1 COASTAL COMMISSION WHICH PROVIDES A LEVEL OF OVERALL
2 PROTECTION TO HABITATS AND WATER QUALITY, AND RESTRICTS
3 DEVELOPMENT IN CRITICAL VIEW SHED AREAS BELOW OUR BELOVED
4 MOUNTAINS, PRESERVING THE DARK SKIES WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE
5 L.C.P. AREA. DRIVING THROUGH OUR MOUNTAINS ON A MOONLESS
6 NIGHT, MANY ARE AMAZED BY THE PITCH BLACK SKIES. ONE CAN SEE
7 STARS AND ON A CRYSTAL CLEAR NIGHT THE MILKY WAY IS VISIBLE TO
8 THE NAKED EYE. THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. AND THIS LOCAL
9 COASTAL PLAN WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THE DARK SKIES OVER THE
10 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL REMAIN SO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
11 TO COME. PLEASE SUPPORT THE L.C.P. WITH YOUR YES VOTE. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BEFORE EMMA SPEAKS, LET ME CALL
15 UP THE NEXT THREE PEOPLE. JOAN SLIMOCOSKY, CYNTHIA MAXWELL AND
16 JESS THOMAS. YOU'RE ON, EMMA.

17

18 **EMMA WILBY:** MY NAME IS EMMA WILBY AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
19 CALABASAS AREA. I'VE BEEN THERE FOR 40 YEARS. I WAS VERY
20 IMPRESSED WITH THE SCOPE OF THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AND WITH
21 THE THOROUGH DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. IT WAS A LOT
22 OF HEAVY READING. I THINK THE SIMPLIFICATION AND
23 CLARIFICATIONS OF THE PERMIT PROCESS FOR EVERYONE IS
24 IMPORTANT. AND I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS PLAN TODAY. THANK
25 YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JOAN SLIMOCOSKY?

3

4 **JOAN SLIMOCOSKY:** YES. MY NAME IS JOAN SLIMOCOSKY. I LIVE IN
5 MONTE NIDO.. I AM CURRENTLY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MONTE NIDO
6 VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. AND OUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY
7 APPROVED THE ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN PROGRAM. LIKE
8 ALL CITIZENS, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY ENDEAVOR REQUIRES PRIMARILY
9 TWO THINGS: THAT YOU KNOW THE RULES, AND THAT YOU BELIEVE THE
10 RULES ARE FAIR. THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU REPRESENTS SO MUCH
11 EFFORT AND DIVERSE INPUT OVER SO MANY YEARS, VALIDATES THESE
12 REQUIREMENTS. IT'S GOING TO PROTECT OUR IRREPLACEABLE
13 RESOURCES. IT'S GOING TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT RULES THAT DON'T
14 CURRENTLY EXIST. AND THESE RULES WILL PASS THE FAIRNESS LITMUS
15 TEST. THE MONTE NIDO VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION URGES YOU TO
16 ADOPT THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. CYNTHIA MAXWELL?

19

20 **CYNTHIA MAXWELL:** HELLO, CYNTHIA MAXWELL, I'M ON THE BOARD OF
21 SAVE OPEN SPACE. AND WE SUPPORT THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AS IT'S
22 WRITTEN. THE L.C.P. AREA HOSTS THE NATIONAL PARK, THE SANTA
23 MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND THE MALIBU CREEK
24 WATERSHED AS ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS. CALIFORNIA LAW MANDATES
25 PROTECTING THIS WATERSHED AND COAST. ACCORDING TO STATE PUBLIC

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1 RESOURCES IN SECTION 3301, THIS LEGISLATURE HEREBY FINDS AND
2 DECLARES THAT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN ZONE AS DEFINED IN
3 THAT SECTION IS A UNIQUE AND VALUABLE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL,
4 AGRICULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL
5 RESOURCE WHICH SHOULD BE HELD IN TRUST FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE
6 GENERATIONS. THAT IS THE LARGEST, AS THE LAST UNDEVELOPED AREA
7 CONTIGUOUS TO THE SHORELINE WITHIN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES
8 METROPOLITAN REGION COMPRISED OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA
9 COUNTY, IT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL RELIEF FROM THE URBAN
10 ENVIRONMENT AND IT EXISTS AS A SINGLE ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH
11 CHANGES THAT AFFECT ONE PARK MAY ALSO AFFECT OTHER PARKS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

14

15 **CYNTHIA MAXWELL:** PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THIS RESOURCE
16 IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MS. MAXWELL. JESS THOMAS, BEFORE
19 YOU START, JESS, LET ME ASK THE NEXT THREE PEOPLE. STAN
20 LAMPORT, GARY ROLLER, LINDA THOMPSON.

21

22 **JESS THOMAS:** I'M JESS THOMAS. SOME 30 YEARS AGO PRIOR TO THE
23 COASTAL ZONE ENACTMENT, I WAS IN ESCROW ON SOME LAND ZONED
24 INDUSTRIAL WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. LONG STORY REAL
25 SHORT, ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE LAND WAS

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1 DOWNZONED TO A1, WHICH WAS A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME. IN AN
2 EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE REASONING BEHIND THE COUNTY
3 ATTEMPTING TO DO THAT, I BECAME A PRETTY STRICT
4 CONSERVATIONIST. AND AS PRESIDENT OF-- PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
5 LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION, I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE
6 THAT REASONING AND ENACT THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, JESS. STAN LAMPORT?

10

11 **STANLEY LAMPORT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE A LETTER
12 THAT I'VE SUBMITTED THIS MORNING AND I KNOW THAT-- THERE YOU
13 GO. I JUST LOST NINE SECONDS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** START HIS TIME OVER.

16

17 **STANLEY LAMPORT:** THANK YOU. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF PAN
18 PACIFIC REALTY WITH A VERY SPECIFIC CONCERN. THIS IS A
19 PROPERTY OWNER WHO WILL BE SUBJECT TO THIS PLAN. THEY'VE SPENT
20 YEARS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS GETTING PLOT PLAN
21 APPROVALS, OAK TREE PERMITS AND ALL THE OTHER REVIEWS IN ORDER
22 TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION.
23 I CAN TELL YOU AS SOMEONE WHO PRACTICES BEFORE THE COASTAL
24 COMMISSION THROUGHOUT THE STATE, IT CAN TAKE UP TO A YEAR TO
25 COMPLETE AN APPLICATION WITH THE COMMISSION. SO THE IDEA THAT

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1 WE'D BE ABLE TO GET THAT ACCOMPLISHED BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME
2 THE PLAN IS CERTIFIED IS VERY DIFFICULT. THEY'RE ASKING THOSE
3 APPROVALS BE GRANDFATHERED UNDER THE EXISTING STANDARDS,
4 EITHER UNDER THE L.C.P. OR THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE AN
5 APPLICATION AND HAVE THAT REVIEWED AT THE COASTAL COMMISSION
6 BASED ON THE CURRENT APPROVALS THAT THEY HAVE FROM THE COUNTY
7 NOW. I KNOW THIS CAN BE DONE LEGALLY. I'VE SEEN IT DONE IN
8 OTHER L.C.P.S. AND IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE THE GRANDFATHER
9 CLAUSE NOW THAT SAYS IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION, YOU
10 CAN CONTINUE. YOU WOULD JUST ADD LANGUAGE THAT SAYS AND YOU
11 CAN COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND CONTINUE. AND THAT'S WHAT
12 WE'RE ASKING FOR HERE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. ROLLER?

15

16 **GARY ROLLER:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, YOU WANT TO JUST ANSWER
19 THAT QUESTION? ELAINE, DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S GOING TO COME UP A COUPLE MORE THINGS
24 BECAUSE THE SAME PROPERTY OWNER IS REPRESENTED BY MULTIPLE
25 PEOPLE. AND WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUT THIS OUT.

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1

2 **COUNSEL:** BASICALLY I DISAGREE WITH MR. LAMPORT. I THINK WE'RE
3 LIMITED ON WHAT WE CAN GRANDFATHER IN BASED ON STATE LAW. THE
4 COASTAL ACT IS ONCE THIS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM IS CERTIFIED,
5 EVEN IF YOU HAVE AN APPLICATION BEFORE THE COASTAL COMMISSION
6 AND I BELIEVE THE PLAN WILL ALLOW SOMEBODY TO CONTINUE
7 PROCESSING WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION, THEY'RE GOING TO BE
8 REQUIRED TO APPLY THIS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM. SO I BELIEVE THE
9 PLAN NOW GRANDFATHERS AS FAR AS WE CAN LEGALLY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE HAVE GRANDFATHERED A LOT OF THINGS IN
12 THIS PLAN IN ORDER TO BE AS FAIR AS WE COULD TO PEOPLE, BUT WE
13 CAN'T GO BEYOND WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES, AND THAT'S BEEN THE
14 ADVICE YOU'VE GIVEN RICHARD AND US AND EVERYBODY ELSE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO
19 DEFEND THIS.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN IT'S COMING TO US, RIGHT?

24

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS A LOCAL COASTAL PLAN. IT'S NOT A
2 COUNTY GENERAL PLAN. OR COUNTY PLAN AMENDMENT. IT IS A LOCAL
3 COASTAL PLAN. SO WE'VE GOT TO COMPLY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WITH
4 THE COASTAL ACT, CORRECT?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE COASTAL ACT. EVEN IF IT'S
7 COMING BEFORE YOU, YOU HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE COASTAL ACT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE JUST NOT IN THE POSITION TO DO IT. I
10 DON'T WANT TO GET INTO WHO THE CLIENT IS, BUT HOPEFULLY IT
11 WILL ALL GET RESOLVED SOON IN ANOTHER WAY. THAT'S MY HOPE.
12 THAT THIS WILL BE A MOOT ISSUE FOR THEM. BUT THAT'S NEITHER
13 HERE NOR THERE. IT MAY NOT BECOME A MOOT ISSUE. BUT ANYBODY
14 WHO'S IN THE SAME SITUATION IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE TREATED IN
15 THE SAME WAY UNDER STATE LAW. OKAY. GARY ROLLER.

16

17 **GARY ROLLER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GARY H. ROLLER, REGISTERED LANDSCAPE
19 ARCHITECT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND I'M A DELEGATE TO THE
20 LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS FOUNDATION. WE HAVE TO GET FULL
21 CONSIDERATION TO THE PAST AND PRESENT TIME ON WHY THE LOCAL
22 COAST PLAN IS SO IMPORTANT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FUTURE.
23 PRESENTLY THE LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION AND THE
24 CITIES OF CALABASAS, AGOURA HILLS AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE ARE
25 SERIOUSLY TRYING TO SAVE PRISTINE NATIVE OAK TREES, COASTAL

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1 ZONE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES IN THE SANTA MONICA
2 MOUNTAINS. ONLY YOU ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN RANGE TODAY.
4 AND I IMPORE YOU TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL COAST PLAN BEFORE IT'S
5 TOO LATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. ROLLER. LINDA, BEFORE YOU
8 START, MARY ELLEN STROTE, MARSHALL HERSKOVITZ AND DOROTHY
9 REIK. MS. THOMPSON?

10

11 **LINDA THOMPSON:** LINDA THOMPSON. I LIVE IN CALABASAS. I AM AN
12 ARDENT SUPPORTER OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS. AND I AM SO
13 PLEASED AFTER LOOKING THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT TO SEE HOW CLEAR
14 AND SIMPLE AND ACROSS-THE-BOARD EVERYONE WOULD BE. IT WOULD BE
15 AN EASY THING TO FOLLOW IF I WERE BUYING PROPERTY, I WOULD BE
16 VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS DOCUMENT TO LOOK AT WITHOUT
17 ANY COULD SAY KAFKAESQUE ATTRIBUTES. IT'S RIGHT UP THE WAY I
18 THINK PEOPLE WOULD-- SORRY, I'M VERY PLEASED TODAY SAY THAT
19 THIS WOULD BE THE BEST THING FOR ANYBODY BUYING PROPERTY AND
20 BUILDING IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MARY ELLEN STROTE?

23

24 **MARY ELLEN STROTE:** YES, I REPRESENT THE COLD CREEK COMMUNITY
25 COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES 250 HOUSEHOLDS, MOST THEM WITHIN THE

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1 L.C.P. OUR COUNCIL STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE L.C.P., NOT LEAST
2 BECAUSE IT STREAMLINES THE CURRENT CUMBERSOME AND EXPENSIVE
3 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. WHICH SOMETIMES REQUIRES APPLICANTS TO
4 TRAVEL HUNDREDS OF MILES TO BE HEARD. WE WELCOME THIS
5 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES WHILE PROMOTING
6 EFFICIENCY AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. IS MARSHAL HERSKOWITZ HERE? OKAY,
9 WE'LL PASS ON HIM. DOROTHY, BEFORE YOU START, I'M GOING TO
10 CALL PATRICIA HENKEL, WARREN WILLIG AND JEANNE WALLACE.
11 DOROTHY?

12

13 **DOROTHY REIK:** MY NAME IS DOROTHY REIK. I LIVE IN TOPANGA. I'VE
14 BEEN LIVING IN TOPANGA FOR 43 YEARS AND I VERY STRONGLY
15 SUPPORT THIS LOCAL COASTAL PLAN. FROM MY HOME, I CAN SEE A LOT
16 OF THE TERRITORY THIS LOCAL COASTAL PLAN COVERS. PEOPLE COME
17 UP AND DRIVE ON MY ROAD. THEY RIDE THEIR BIKES ON MY ROAD.
18 THEY WALK ON MY ROAD. AND THEY ALL COME UP TO SEE THE BEAUTY
19 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND ANY MORE CONSTRUCTION UP
20 THERE OR UNCONTROLLED CONSTRUCTION WILL BE A DISASTER. THIS
21 PLAN WILL ALLOW CONSTRUCTION. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BUILD
22 A HOUSE UP ON MY ROAD AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IF I WOULDN'T
23 HAVE HAD TO GO TO THE COUNTY AND THE COASTAL COMMISSION, MY
24 LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT EASIER. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH--
25 HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. THIS IS FOR POSTERITY. IT ISN'T JUST

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1 FOR US. IT'S FOR EVERYBODY WHO COMES, THE BIKE RIDERS THE
2 MOTORCYCLE RIDERS, THE CAR RIDERS, AT THE LOOKOUT THAT YOU PUT
3 ON SADDLE PEAK, THAT IS JAMMED. EVERY NIGHT WHEN I COME HOME,
4 THE CARS ARE THERE, DAY AND NIGHT. WATCHING OVER NOT JUST OUT
5 AT THE OCEAN, BUT THEY'RE WATCHING OVER TO THE VALLEY AND
6 THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE MOUNTAINS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DOROTHY. I'VE BEEN TO YOUR HOME
9 AND I BURNED OUT A SET OF BRAKES GETTING DOWN FROM THERE. IT'S
10 A BEAUTIFUL SPOT. PATRICIA HENKEL

11

12 **PAT HENKEL:** MY NAME IS PAT HENKEL. I'M TRYING NOT TO GET
13 EMOTIONAL BUT THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME. MAY I AT THIS PARTICULAR
14 TIME ASK THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE L.C.P. TO STAND
15 UP IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, SIR?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

18

19 **PATRICIA HENKEL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **PATRICIA HENKEL:** I'VE LIVED IN MALIBU LAKE, AND I HAVE ALSO
24 HAD MY HOME BUILT, AND I ALSO HAD TO GO THROUGH FOUR YEARS OF
25 GETTING IT BUILT. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE IN COASTAL. I'M

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1 SORRY ABOUT THAT. WE, I AM ACTIVE ON OUR BOARD. I AM IN-- OUR
2 HOMEOWNERS' AT MALIBU LAKESIDE SUPPORT THE L.C.P. TO BE PASSED
3 TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND WE HAVE BEEN INPUT. WE WANT
4 TO PROTECT WHAT WE HAVE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND
5 HOPEFULLY YOU WILL FEEL THE SAME WAY THAT WE DO, BY GOING AND
6 PASSING THIS FOR US TODAY. SO WE ALL HAVE NOT ONLY TODAY, WE
7 WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND LOVE IT, BUT
8 THE FUTURE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, PAT. APPRECIATE IT. WARREN
11 WILLIG?

12

13 **WARREN WILLIG:** THANK YOU. I'M A RESIDENT OF LITTLE CANYON AND
14 I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THIS MODIFICATION TO THE
15 LOCAL PLANNING REGIME. I HAVE A LARGE CREEK ON MY PROPERTY. I
16 OWN BOTH BANKS. AND I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WITH THE CONTINUED
17 CLEARING OF LAND UPSTREAM FOR VINEYARDS, THAT WHEN IS THIS
18 GOING TO STOP? BECAUSE WHEN WE DO GET RAIN, AND WE OFTEN GET
19 PLENTY OF RAIN IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, UP TO AN INCH A
20 DAY FOR 30 DAYS, THE FLOODING GOES OVER THE COUNTY BRIDGE AND
21 IT ALSO TAKES OUT THE BANKS ON MY CREEK. SO THIS IS A REAL
22 CONCERN. AND WE'VE SEEN OF MORE FLOW RECENTLY WITH ALL THIS
23 CLEARING. IT'S LIKE PUTTING A PARKING LOT UPSTREAM OF US. SO I
24 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS FOR
25 CONSIDERING THIS. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JEANNE WALLACE? BEFORE
3 YOU START, LOUIS HOOK. RONALD SEMLER AND NONA GREEN? JEANNE?

4

5 **JEANNE WALLACE:** I'M JEANNE WALLACE. I LIVE IN THE COLD CREEK
6 AREA. I'M A HORSE OWNER AND I SUPPORT THE L.C.P., BUT I'M HERE
7 TODAY AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
8 TRAILS COUNCIL, AND OUR BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE
9 L.C.P. AS WRITTEN. AND I'M SO EXCITED MYSELF PERSONALLY TO GET
10 TO DEAL WITH THE COUNTY AGAIN, IF POSSIBLE, AND PEOPLE LIKE
11 GINA NATOLI. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, JEANNE. LOUIS HOOK.

14

15 **LOUIS HOOK:** YES, I'M LOUIS HOOK. I'M A BOARD CHAIR OF THE
16 COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE YOUTH EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM. WE ACTUALLY ARE
17 LOCATED IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. WE'RE ONE OF
18 THE FEW GROUPS NOT IN THE MOUNTAINS, BUT THE VIABILITY OF THE
19 HORSE COMMUNITY IN THE MOUNTAINS THERE IS CRITICAL TO US. IT'S
20 AN OUTLET FOR OUR KIDS. AND WE SUPPORT THE L.C.P. BECAUSE IT
21 SUPPORTS THE VIABILITY OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. RON SEMLER.

24

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1 **RONALD SEMLER:** YES, MY NAME IS RON SEMLER. I'M A RESIDENT OF
2 MALIBU. HAVE BEEN FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. I OPPOSE THE L.C.P.
3 AND I WANT TO CLARIFY. THERE ARE SOME GOOD PARTS OF THE L.C.P.
4 AND THERE ARE SOME OTHER PARTS THAT I BELIEVE NEED TO BE
5 LOOKED AT. AND THERE ARE TOO MANY ISSUES AND THE PERIOD OF
6 TIME WHICH IT BECAME PUBLIC IN WHICH WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
7 AT LOOKING AT IT IS A LITTLE MORE THAN 30 DAYS FOR AN 800-PAGE
8 DOCUMENT, IT'S A LITTLE BIT OVERREACHING. THE ONE AREA WHICH I
9 THINK IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT IS THE AGRICULTURAL
10 USES, THE TOTAL PROHIBITION OF AGRICULTURE IN THIS AREA
11 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S DETRIMENTAL. WE ARE A NATIONAL RECREATION
12 AREA. WE ARE A VISITORS-SERVING AREA. AND BY ELIMINATING ANY
13 OF THESE AGRICULTURAL USES, AND PARTICULARLY THE VINEYARDS,
14 YOU WILL ELIMINATE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF IT. THE AREA IN
15 MALIBU HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ANOTHER NAPA. AND I MIGHT
16 MENTION TO THE GENERALLY POOR THAT IF YOU PUT IN A VINEYARD,
17 YOU'RE NOT CLEARING LAND, AND THERE SHOULD BE NO SOIL MOVED.
18 YOU CLEAR THE SHRUBS AND THE BRUSH. SO I VERY MUCH OPPOSE IT.
19 I THINK IT ALSO IS CONTRARY TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT. AND
20 THERE ARE SEVERAL SECTIONS. AND I JUST BELIEVE THAT IF
21 ANYTHING, THERE SHOULD BE SOME MORE TIME WHERE CERTAIN
22 PORTIONS OF THIS ACT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AND REVIEWED BECAUSE
23 I THINK IT'S TOO ARBITRARY AND SPECIFIC IN THOSE PARTICULAR
24 AREAS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST SAY THE
2 PROHIBITION IS PROSPECTIVE, NOT RETROACTIVE. SO FIRST OF ALL
3 YOUR VINEYARDS ARE NOT IN THE COASTAL ZONES.

4

5 **RONALD SEMLER:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 99 PERCENT OF YOUR VINEYARDS ARE IN THE
8 NORTH AREA PLAN WHICH DOES PERMIT VINEYARDS, AND NEW VINEYARDS
9 AS WELL, SO YOU'RE NOT IMPACTED, AT LEAST ON THE PROPERTIES
10 THAT I'M AWARE YOU HAVE. YOU'RE NOT IMPACTED BY THIS.

11

12 **RONALD SEMLER:** I DO KNOW THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE MORE GENERIC, I UNDERSTAND THAT.
15 AND I'M SYMPATHETIC. THE PROBLEM IS: YOU COULD MAKE THIS CASE
16 TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION WHEN THIS GETS TO THE COASTAL
17 COMMISSION AND SEE HOW THEY RESPOND. I WOULD LIKE, YOU KNOW,
18 NOTHING BETTER THAN TO FIND A MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN THE WINE
19 GROWERS AND THE SCIENCE THAT IS MAKING IT VERY CLEAR THAT WE
20 HAVE A PROBLEM. AND IT'S NOT JUST IN THE OCEANS. WE HAVE A
21 PENDING CASE, I BELIEVE IT'S STILL PENDING, RICHARD, BEFORE
22 YOUR PLANNING COMMISSION, ABOUT ONE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S
23 CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THE PESTICIDES HAVE HAD ON
24 THEM. SO IT'S A SERIOUS ISSUE, BUT THIS IS NOT-- THIS IS
25 CONSISTENT WITH WHAT COASTAL IS DOING NOW. IF WE DID NOT

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1 APPROVE THIS PLAN, YOU COULD NOT PLANT A NEW VINEYARD LEGALLY
2 IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PORTION OF THE COASTAL ZONE. BUT
3 YOU CAN MAKE THIS CASE TO COASTAL, TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION
4 WHEN IT GETS THERE AND SEE HOW THEY RESPOND.

5

6 **RONALD SEMLER:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT EVEN THE COUNTY NEEDS TO TAKE
7 THE POSITION THAT THEY DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND NOT NECESSARILY
8 WHAT THE COASTAL PLAN DICTATES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS A COASTAL PLAN THAT'S
11 DEAD ON ARRIVAL WHEN IT GETS TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION,
12 BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS AT STAKE HERE IN ADDITION TO
13 VINEYARDS. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR POINT OF VIEW. YOU HAVE A
14 GOOD PRODUCT OUT THERE.

15

16 **RONALD SEMLER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NONA? ARE YOU NONA? BEFORE
17 YOU START, DONALD WALLACE? PAUL EDELMAN AND DON SCHMITZ. MS.
18 GREEN?

19

20 **NONA GREEN:** I USED TO BE WEALTHY UNTIL I ADOPTED HORSES.
21 [LAUGHTER.] WE THE HORSE OWNERS COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT THE LOCAL
22 ECONOMY FROM SHOE COBBLERS AND DRY CLEANERS, TO DRY GOODS AND
23 CONTRACTORS. I SUPPORT THE L.C.P. BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WILL
24 PRESERVE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR EQUESTRIAN USE. I'D
25 LIKE TO MAKE A POINT ABOUT VINEYARDS. I DON'T THINK IT'S OKAY

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1 THAT PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLEAR-CUT
2 WILDLIFE HABITAT SO THAT WHEN THE AQUIFERS AND STREAMS ARE
3 SUCKED DRY AND CAN'T BUY WATER IF YOU WANTED TO, WE WON'T BE
4 LEFT WITH BARREN HILLSIDES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DON SCHMITZ?

7

8 **DON SCHMITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DON
9 SCHMITZ. I'M ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MALIBU CHAMBER
10 OF COMMERCE. FIRST A MILLION THANKS TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
11 HIS DEPUTIES AND STAFF FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THEY DID. WE
12 DO HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS, HOWEVER, AS PERTAINS TO AGRICULTURE IN
13 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE WINE INDUSTRY IS HUGE FOR OUR
14 CHAMBER AND FOR OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, NOT JUST THE GROWERS AND
15 THE PRODUCERS BUT FOR THE WINE TOURISTS INDUSTRY. SUPERVISOR,
16 YOU SAID SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING. WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE
17 COASTAL ACT. WE CONCUR. WE DO. YOU'VE BEEN REITERATING WHAT
18 STAFF HAS BEEN TELLING YOU THEY CAN'T BE PERMITTED; THEY ARE
19 PERMITTED. AND IN FACT, SUPERVISORS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO HAVE
20 YOUR STAFF READ THESE SECTIONS: 30241, 30241.5 AND 30242 OF
21 THE COASTAL ACT WHICH MANDATE THAT YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING
22 EXCEPT PRESERVE PRIME AGRICULTURAL AREA. WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO
23 GETTING AN A.B.A. FOR THE ENTIRE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THIS
24 IS A CRUCIAL, CRUCIAL ISSUE FOR US. PLEASE DO NOT DO AWAY WITH
25 AGRICULTURE.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DON. DON WALLACE?

3

4 **DONALD WALLACE:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY

5 NAME IS DON WALLACE. I LIVE IN COLD CREEK IN THE SANTA MONICA

6 MOUNTAINS, A TRIBUTARY CANYON OF THE MALIBU CANYON COMPLEX.

7 I'VE BEEN THERE FOR 42 YEARS, AND I MOVED MY HORSES ONTO MY

8 PROPERTY IN 1972. AND I COMPLETED MY HORSE FACILITIES PRIOR TO

9 THE COASTAL ACT. I HAVE HAD A NIGHTMARE. FIRST, I COLLECTED

10 SIGNATURES FOR THE COASTAL ACT WHEN IT WAS-- IN 1972. AND THEN

11 IN 1976 I WENT TO THE CALIFORNIA-- TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES

12 COMMITTEE UP IN SACRAMENTO AND ASKED THEM TO EXTEND THE

13 BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE FIVE MILES INLAND SO THAT IT WOULD PROTECT

14 ME AND MY NEIGHBORS. I'M GRATEFUL THAT MY COMMUNITY DOES NOT

15 LOOK LIKE THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS, AND THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE

16 COASTAL COMMISSION. BUT THE COASTAL COMMISSION HAS GONE CRAZY

17 IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND I'M SO GRATEFUL TO COUNTY STAFF AND

18 TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THIS DOCUMENT.

19 IT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS HERE IN THE COUNTY SINCE 1991.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS, DON.

22

23 **DONALD WALLACE:** I SUPPORT IT.

24

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. PAUL, BEFORE YOU START, MERTON
2 DAVIES, ROBERT PALMER AND VICKY NORWOOD, COME ON DOWN. (OFF
3 MIC. COMMENT).

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WE DON'T CEDE TIME, BUT THANK YOU. SO
6 VICKY NORWOOD? AND HOLLY KESSLER. PAUL?

7

8 **PAUL EDELMAN:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M PAUL EDELMAN. I'M A
9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY,
10 AND AS THE PRINCIPAL STATE PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE SANTA
11 MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE CONSERVANCY SUPPORTS THE PLAN AS
12 AMENDED. THE PLAN EXCELLENTLY GUIDES THE SITING OF DEVELOPMENT
13 BOTH FOR PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES AND FOR PRIVATE
14 DEVELOPMENT AND PRIVATE LAND. IT CLARIFIES PLANNING, AND IT
15 WILL REDUCE COSTS BOTH FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES AND FOR PRIVATE
16 DEVELOPERS AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL JUST BE A
17 BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYBODY FOR ALL TIME TO COME. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MERTON DAVIES?

20

21 **MERTON DAVIES:** I'M A REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY IN CALABASAS. ALSO A
22 24-YEAR RESIDENT OF MALIBU CANYON AREA. I'M JUST HERE SPEAKING
23 ON MY OWN BEHALF, NOT ON BEHALF OF ANYBODY ELSE. BUT THE
24 QUESTION HAS COME UP AS TO WHETHER THERE WAS COMMUNITY
25 PARTICIPATION AND WHETHER THERE'S BEEN PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND I

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1 CAN SAY THAT I WAS AT THE-- I REVIEWED THE ACT WHEN IT WAS
2 ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND I ATTENDED THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITY
3 WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS THAT WERE HELD. STAFF DID A
4 TREMENDOUS JOB. WE WERE DOZENS OF PEOPLE, WE WERE BROKEN INTO
5 GROUPS TO DISCUSS IT. WE GAVE COMMENTS. AND I NEVER EXPECTED
6 ANYTHING TO COME OF THAT. BUT IT'S REMARKABLE. I READ THE ACT
7 AGAIN IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING. AND THERE ARE
8 INCREDIBLE CHANGES. THE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN
9 ACCEPTED IN MANY RESPECTS. IT DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND COMMEND THE
11 STAFF AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR ALL THAT'S BEEN DONE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VICKY NORWOOD?

14

15 **VICKY NORWOOD:** HELLO. I'VE LIVED IN TOPANGA FOR 35 YEARS AND I
16 HAVE HORSES AND I LIKE THE PLAN A LOT AND I HOPE IT PASSES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOLLY, BEFORE YOU
19 START, KATHERINE PEASE? DEBORAH RICHARDS AND KATHLEEN TRUMAN?
20 MS. KESSLER?

21

22 **HOLLY KESSLER:** I'M A RESIDENT OF--

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

25

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1 **HOLLY KESSLER:** I'M SORRY. I'M HOLLY KESSLER. AND I'M A
2 RESIDENT OF THE COLD CREEK COMMUNITY AND A HORSE OWNER AND A
3 PROPERTY OWNER AND I'M PAST PRESIDENT OF E.T.I. CORRAL 36 AND
4 PAST AREA 6 DIRECTOR FOR E.T.I. INTERNATIONAL. AND WE SUPPORT
5 AND I THANK THE COUNTY SO MUCH AND STAFF FOR LISTENING AND
6 RESPECTING AND INCLUDING OUR INPUT, AND THANK YOU. I SUPPORT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT.
9 KATHERINE PEASE?

10

11 **KATHERINE PEASE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
12 IS KATHERINE PEASE. I'M THE WATERSHED SCIENTIST AT HEAL THE
13 BAY. HEAL THE BAY IS A NONPROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION
14 WITH OVER 13,000 MEMBERS AND WE'RE DEDICATED TO MAKING THE
15 WATERS, THE COASTAL WATERS AND WATERSHEDS OF SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA SAFE, HEALTHY AND CLEAN. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SHOW
17 OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL
18 PROGRAM, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE IT AND PASS IT ON TO
19 THE COASTAL COMMISSION. SINCE 1998, HEAL THE BAY'S DREAM TEAM
20 HAS BEEN COLLECTING DATA IN THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED TO
21 ASSESS THE HEALTH OF THE WATERSHED. WE PUBLISHED A REPORT IN
22 MARCH OF 2013 SHOWING THAT THERE'S MANY PROBLEMS IN THE
23 WATERSHED, SUCH AS HARDENED STREAM BANKS, POLLUTED WATER WAYS
24 AND THE PROLIFERATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS. THE
25 L.C.P. IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE COULD DETERMINE HOW

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1 DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS IN THE MOUNTAINS AND PROTECT THESE
2 IMPORTANT RESOURCES. WE APPLAUD THE L.A. COUNTY STAFF'S WORK
3 TO DEVELOP THIS UPDATED L.C.P., AND WE FOUND THAT IT'S MUCH
4 IMPROVED SINCE 2006. SO WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE IT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DEBORAH RICHARDS?

7

8 **DEBORAH RICHARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEBORAH RICHARDS.
9 I'VE LIVED IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS
10 AND ALSO A MEMBER OF E.T.I. CORRAL 36. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
11 SO MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS AND TO URGE YOU
12 TO VOTE YES TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. AND KATHLEEN, BEFORE YOU START,
15 LET ME CALL UP JEFFREY DAVIDSON, STEPHANIE ABRONSON, BRITTANY
16 STEPHENS. KATHLEEN TRUMAN?

17

18 **KATHLEEN TRUMAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND
19 SUPERVISORS. I AM KATHLEEN TRUMAN, COUNSEL FOR MALIBU
20 ASSOCIATES, THE OWNER OF THE MALIBU GOLF CLUB AND THE
21 APPLICANT FOR THE MALIBU INSTITUTE PROJECT. THE MALIBU
22 INSTITUTE WILL CREATE A SPORTS-ORIENTED EDUCATIONAL RETREAT TO
23 COMPLEMENT A REMODELED 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE ON A 650-ACRE
24 PROPERTY CURRENTLY OPERATED AS THE MALIBU GOLF CLUB. BY
25 CLUSTERING PROPOSED BUILDINGS ON 20 ACRES IN THE SOUTHERN

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1 PORTION OF THE PROPERTY INVOLUNTARILY RESTRICTING DEVELOPMENT
2 OF THE BUILDINGS AND RENOVATION OF THE GOLF COURSE TO
3 PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED AREAS, THE PROJECT WILL DEDICATE OVER 450
4 ACRES OF NATIVE COASTAL SCRUB AND CHAPARRAL, INCLUDING OAK
5 WOODLAND FOREST AS PERMANENT OPEN SPACE. UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP
6 OF DR. KATZ OF PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, THE PROJECT ALSO WILL
7 REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES FROM THE GOLF COURSE PONDS TO RESTORE
8 HABITAT FOR THE CALIFORNIA NEWT AND WESTERN POND TURTLE. WE
9 THANK COUNTY STAFF FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND INSIGHT DURING
10 OUR REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED L.C.P. IT IS CLEAR STAFF HAS WORKED
11 TIRELESSLY OVER THE LAST YEARS TO DRAFT A PROPOSED L.C.P. THAT
12 WILL PROTECT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR GENERATIONS TO
13 COME WHILE RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND
14 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. WE SUPPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE 2014
15 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND LOOK FORWARD
16 TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH STAFF ON THE MALIBU INSTITUTE
17 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JEFFREY DAVIDSON?
20

21 **JEFFREY DAVIDSON:** MY NAME IS JEFFREY DAVIDSON. THANK YOU FOR
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I HAVE BEEN AN EQUESTRIAN FOR YEARS,
23 AND HORSES HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR HERITAGE IN THE
24 DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST. AS SUCH, I HAVE ALSO VOLUNTEERED FOR
25 THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE STATE PARK SERVICE FOR OVER

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1 16 YEARS AS AN EQUESTRIAN MOUNTED PATROL. AND I SEE MANY, MANY
2 PEOPLE ENJOYING IT ON HORSEBACK, ON BICYCLES, HIKING, ET
3 CETERA. I THINK IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO LOSE WHAT WE HAVE. AND
4 I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING WHAT WE DO
5 HAVE AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS THE STATE AND OUTSIDE VISITORS. I
7 FULLY SUPPORT THE L.C.P. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
8 SPEAK AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STEPHANIE ABRONSON?

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12 **STEPHANIE ABRONSON:** MY NAME IS STEPHANIE ABRONSON, I LIVE IN
13 MONTE NIDO, A LAND OWNER IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND I
14 LIVE ON A VERY HISTORIC TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE A
15 CHILDREN'S CAMP IN THE 1940S. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE
16 EQUESTRIAN TRAILS GROUP AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE MONTE NIDO
17 VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND I USE THE NATIONAL RECREATION
18 AREA EXTENSIVELY. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF MY PERSONAL
19 LIFE AND MY FAMILY'S LIFE. THIS DRAFT L.C.P. DOCUMENT, THOUGH
20 NOT PERFECT, GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS ACHIEVING CONTINUED
21 EQUESTRIAN USE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND I SUPPORT IT
22 WITH THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR EQUESTRIAN
23 USE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, STEPHANIE. BRITTANY STEPHENS?

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1

2 **BRITTANY STEPHENS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRITTANY STEPHENS.
3 THANK YOU FOR LETTING US ALL SPEAK TODAY. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE
4 LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM. I WISH MY CITY WOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH
5 TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD AND PASS AN L.C.P. LIKE THIS ONE. THIS
6 PLAN NOT ONLY INCORPORATES A RESONATING PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK,
7 IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR OF NEEDED IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT
8 GUIDELINES. THESE NATIONAL LANDS ARE WORTHY OF OUR PROTECTION.
9 I'VE GROWN UP IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I CAN SAY I'M A
10 25-YEAR RESIDENT THERE. AND I'M HOPING THAT WITH YOUR SUPPORT
11 AND APPROVING THE L.C.P., MY CHILDREN AND THE NEXT GENERATION
12 CAN SEE AND ENJOY THE SAME NATURAL WONDERS YOU AND I HAVE.
13 THIS IS A STRONG, IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
14 CONSIDERATION IN VOTING IN SUPPORT OF THIS DOCUMENT WITHOUT
15 FURTHER DELAY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP ELIZABETH
18 STEPHENS, DANA CHIDEKEL, JESSICA CHENG AND ANN DONEEN? OKAY.
19 ELIZABETH?

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21 **ELIZABETH STEPHENS:** HI, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH STEPHENS. AND
22 UNFORTUNATELY MY CITY HAS A LAND-USE ATTORNEY THAT'S ON
23 COUNCIL AND THE DEVELOPERS ARE HAVING A FREE FOR ALL. AND SOME
24 INDIVIDUALS' HOMES ARE BEING DESTROYED. SO I WOULD LIKE TO
25 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US, AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE

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1 L.C.P. THERE'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. AND I APPRECIATE THIS
2 DOCUMENT BECAUSE IT GIVES CLEAR, DEFINITIVE GUIDELINES THAT
3 ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. THE L.C.P. PROVIDES A
4 PRECISE DEFINITION OF WHAT IS ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED TO DO
5 AND CREATES A STANDARD WHERE EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE SAME RULES.
6 AS IT STANDS NOW WITH VAGUE PROTOCOLS, THERE LEAVES ROOM FOR
7 INEQUALITY AND UNEQUAL APPLICATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.
8 I ASK YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE L.C.P., WHICH AMONG MANY
9 OTHER GREAT ATTRIBUTES, SUPPORTS THE EQUALITY FOR ALL PROPERTY
10 RIGHTS AND IMPLEMENTS A STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR ALL. THANK YOU
11 FOR YOUR OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DANA?

14

15 **DANA CHIDEKEL:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. DANA CHIDEKEL, RHYMES WITH
16 POLITICAL, WHICH IS RELEVANT. I'M IN FAVOR OF PASSING THE
17 LOCAL COASTAL PLAN. I'M A BOARD MEMBER ON THE MONTE NIDO
18 VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE EQUESTRIAN
19 TRAILS. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED OUR TWO ADOLESCENT DAUGHTERS,
20 THREE HORSES AT THE TIME, FIVE MINIATURE DONKEYS AND TWO DOGS
21 TO MONTE NIDO, SO WE'RE RELATIVELY NEW MEMBERS. WE MOVED--
22 ACTUALLY WE WEREN'T LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO BUY BUT WERE IN THE
23 COMMUNITY AND FOUND IT TO BE A BEAUTIFUL RURAL AREA WITH A
24 KIND OF A WHOLESOME, VITAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT WE WERE NOT
25 EVEN AWARE EXISTED ANYMORE. WE MOVED FROM WOODLAND HILLS. I

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1 LIKE TO SAY WE MOVED 20 MINUTES AND 50 YEARS AWAY. HORSES ARE
2 A VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE FIVE MINIATURE DONKEYS
3 THAT LIVE ALONG A FENCE LINE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY
4 FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY COME TO
5 VISIT THEM. THEY FACILITATE THAT. IMAGINE COMING HOME FROM A
6 HECTIC DAY IN THE CITY AND HAVING TO SLOW DOWN BECAUSE THERE'S
7 A COUPLE PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM A TRAIL RIDE ON THE SHOULDER.
8 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN'T RECREATE IN SO MANY PARTS OF
9 THE CITY AND IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE THING TO LOSE. I FIND
10 IRONIC ONE MORE STATEMENT THAT MANY PEOPLE COME IN AND DEVELOP
11 AN AREA BECAUSE IT HAS QUALITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT ITSELF
12 RUINS THOSE QUALITIES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOCTOR. JESSICA CHENG?

15

16 **JESSICA CHENG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESSICA CHENG WITH
17 ANGEL LAW, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MONTE NIDO VALLEY
18 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND SAFE OPEN SPACE, SANTA MONICA
19 MOUNTAINS TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN. ANGEL LAW HAS 25 YEARS OF
20 EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL COASTAL PLANNING, INCLUDING OBTAINING A
21 COURT RULING REQUIRING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS COUNTY'S 1986
22 L.U.P. THAT HELPED ESTABLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.
23 THIS IS A GOOD PLAN. IT WAS MADE WITH YEARS OF PUBLIC
24 INVOLVEMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE UNIQUE COMMUNITY
25 CHARACTER, WHICH IS WHY THERE IS SUCH STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT. IT

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1 WILL PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.
2 THE PLAN ALSO GREATLY SIMPLIFIES DEVELOPMENT. RATHER THAN
3 REQUIRING THE CURRENT TWO-STAGE PROCESS WHERE PROJECT
4 APPLICANTS APPLY BOTH WITH THE COUNTY AND COASTAL, THE L.C.P.
5 WILL FINALLY ENCOMPASS WHAT WAS ENVISIONED BY COASTAL ACT
6 SECTION 3519 TO TRANSFER C.D.P. AUTHORITY TO THE LOCAL
7 GOVERNMENT, SUCH THAT APPLICANTS WILL ONLY APPLY WITH THE
8 COUNTY. THE FACT THIS PLAN DOES SO MUCH WHILE BEING A DOCUMENT
9 WE BELIEVE IS LIKELY TO BE APPROVED BY COASTAL IS A TESTAMENT
10 TO STAFF'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. WE STRONGLY URGE THE
11 BOARD TO APPROVE THIS PLAN WITH ITS NUMEROUS BENEFITS TO A
12 COMMUNITY THAT HAS LONG DESERVED LOCAL CONTROL. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL ON YOU. ANN DONEEN?
15 YOU'RE ANN? SORRY. RHIANNON BAILARD? LOUISE RISHOFF AND ADAM
16 CHIDEKEL. ANN? GO AHEAD.

17

18 **ANN DONEEN:** HI, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU.
19 I AM A HOMEOWNER IN LATIGO CANYON AREA. I BOUGHT THERE TWO
20 MONTHS AGO THREE MILES UP FROM PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. I RODE
21 HORSES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AS A CHILD. I FEEL THE
22 PLAN SHOULD GO FURTHER WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
23 E.S.H.A. RESTRICTIONS AND IT SHOULD HAVE STEEPER RESIDENTIAL
24 DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE AND IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS.
25 HOWEVER, EVEN SO, IMPERFECT AS IT IS, OVERALL IT IS A VERY

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1 GOOD PLAN AND ONE THAT IS UNLIKELY TO GET MUCH BETTER. I LOVE
2 THE DARK SKY PROVISIONS. PLEASE WASTE NO TIME IN APPROVING THE
3 PLAN AND VOTE ON IT TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RHIANNON BAILARD?

6

7 **RHIANNON BAILARD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
8 RHIANNON BAILARD, AND I'M THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF
9 GOVERNMENTAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY.
10 WE'VE ALREADY SUBMITTED A LETTER BUT I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME
11 BRIEF COMMENTS. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS PEPPERDINE
12 UNIVERSITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL
13 COASTAL PLAN. WE PARTNER AND SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR GOAL TO
14 PROTECT THE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES IN THE SANTA MONICA
15 MOUNTAINS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PERMITTING DEVELOPMENT THAT
16 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG-TERM GOALS OF THE COUNTY, THE
17 COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS
18 OUR GRATITUDE FOR COUNTY PLANNING STAFF IN ENGAGING US
19 THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, SPECIFICALLY RICHARD BRUCKNER AND HIS
20 TEAM WHO HAVE EVIDENCED INCREDIBLE PROFESSIONALISM AND
21 EXPERTISE THROUGHOUT. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO REMAIN GRATEFUL TO
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP BOTH ON THIS EFFORT
23 AS WELL AS HIS EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE
24 THIRD DISTRICT FOR THE LAST TWO DECADES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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1 FOR ALLOWING ME TO EXPRESS PEPPERDINE'S SUPPORT FOR THE L.C.P.
2 THIS MORNING.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, RHIANNON. GOT THAT RIGHT. LOUISE
5 RISHOFF.

6

7 **LOUISE RISHOFF:** GOOD MORNING, LOUISE RISHOFF ON BEHALF OF
8 STATE SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY. I HAVE A LETTER FOR THE RECORD THAT
9 I'LL SUMMARIZE. "THIS IS TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE
10 ADOPTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM
11 AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, THE L.C.P. CONTAINS HISTORIC
12 PROTECTIONS FOR THE ROUGHLY 52,000 ACRES THAT MAKE UP THE
13 COASTAL ZONE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, A RICH AND FRAGILE
14 SET OF ECOSYSTEMS IN WHICH PROTECTIONS ARE THE PRODUCT OF A
15 LONG AND THOUGHTFUL PROCESS. IN 2008 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATED THE COUNTY'S
17 NORTH AREA PLAN, THE VISIONARY DOCUMENT CONTAINING CRITICAL
18 PROTECTIONS AND PLANNING POLICIES IN THE NORTH AREA. TODAY'S
19 ACTIONS REFLECT THAT SAME INTEGRATED AND COMPREHENSIVE
20 APPROACH. AS CHAIR OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
21 RESOURCES AND WATER, I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO THE COUNTY
22 FOR ADOPTING SUGGESTIONS OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION THAT WILL
23 ENSURE STATE-OF-THE-ART WATER QUALITY PROTECTIONS WITH RESPECT
24 BOTH TO EXISTING AND NEW ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS

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1 HISTORIC STEP ON BEHALF OF THE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS WHO VISIT
2 AND CHERISH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS."

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, LOUISE. ADAM, BEFORE YOU START,
5 LET ME CALL BATTA VUJICIC, ARNOLD SACHS, AND JOHN BERTOLLI..
6 ADAM?

7

8 **ADAM CHIDEKEL:** HI. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME
9 IS DR. ADAM CHIDEKEL, AND I'M A MONTE NIDO RESIDENT. I'VE
10 LIVED IN L.A. COUNTY SINCE 1986 AND I'VE USED THE SANTA MONICA
11 MOUNTAINS FOR RECREATION ALL THE TIME. I'VE TAKEN MY FAMILY
12 AND MY CHILDREN THERE. PRIOR TO MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, I LIVED
13 IN A PART OF THE COUNTRY THAT WASN'T AS WISE AND DIDN'T REALLY
14 THINK ABOUT HOW THEY WERE GOING TO USE THEIR LAND. AND WHERE I
15 GREW UP, THAT DEVELOPED AND IT NO LONGER EXISTS. I CAN'T SHOW
16 MY FAMILY WHERE I GREW UP AND THE SPECIAL PLACES I SPENT WITH
17 MY CHILDHOOD. THIS THOUGHTFUL DOCUMENT ALLOWS PRESERVATION,
18 AND MY CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR CHILDREN THE
19 SPECIAL PLACES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. SO PLEASE
20 SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BATTA VUJICIC.

23

24 **BATTA VUJICIC:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BATTA
25 VUJICIC DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE,

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1 ALSO THE PAST PRESIDENT. I AM AUTHORIZED BY OUR BOARD TO COME
2 AND VOICE OUR COUPLE CONCERNS ABOUT THE PLAN. ZEV, YOU KNOW
3 THAT WE SAT TOGETHER BACK IN 2007 AND WE ARE TOTALLY IN FAVOR
4 OF THE COASTAL PLAN. IT'S GOOD WISDOM, GOOD PRUDENCY. AND
5 AGAIN WE WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR OPPOSITION TO SOME OF THE
6 ELEMENTS, SPECIFICS ON THE AGRICULTURAL PORTION. TO REPEAT
7 AGAIN, WE'RE IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN. IT DOES THE JOB, BUT THE
8 DOCUMENT THAT WAS RELEASED ON JANUARY 9, ALMOST 800 PAGES,
9 CONTAINS MANY FAULTS AND MANY LAYERS OF RESTRICTIONS THAT WE
10 DID NOT HAVE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE. WE WOULD LIKE
11 TO SPECIFICALLY SEE HOW IT AFFECTS THE AGRICULTURAL USE AS IT
12 IS PERMITTED BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION BUT YET RESTRICTED AND
13 NOT PERMITTED BY THE COUNTY ITSELF. AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT
14 EFFECT WILL HAVE THERE AS WELL AS VACANT PROPERTY OWNERS,
15 VACANT LAND PROPERTY OWNERS, HOW DOES IT AFFECT THEM? THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. BEFORE YOU START,
19 IS JOHN BERTOLLI HERE? ILDA JACOBSON? NOT HERE? NORMAN HAYNIE?
20 MR. HAYNIE HERE? OKAY, NORM. ERIC PREVEN? AND JORDAN BLAKE.
21 THAT WILL BE THE LAST PERSON. MR. SACHS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
24 AND I DON'T HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE, BUT I MADE SOME
25 OBSERVATIONS. SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE HEARD, A COLLABORATION

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1 BETWEEN THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY? WOULD THAT BE
2 LIKE-- I'VE HEARD LOW-COST ACCESS TO THE TRAILS. WOULD THAT BE
3 LIKE THE LOW-COST ACCESS TO THE BEACHES? IT WAS A PLAN 2007 I
4 BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND THIS IS
5 ALMOST A REITERATION OF THAT SAME PLAN. SO I'M WONDERING,
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHERE WERE YOUR QUESTIONS THEN? I MEAN
7 IF IT'S ALMOST THE SAME EXACT PLAN, WOULDN'T THESE QUESTIONS
8 HAVE COME UP THEN IN 2007? WHY DO YOU WAIT UNTIL 2014 TO COME
9 UP WITH THESE QUESTIONS? IT'S ALMOST THE SAME PLAN. IT WOULD
10 HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE THEN. I'M CONCERNED WHEN YOU HAD THE SALE
11 OF THE WHITTIER OIL FIELDS, PUBLIC PARKLAND IN PERPETUITY
12 UNTIL WHITTIER DECIDED TO SELL IT TO THE OIL COMPANIES. COUNTY
13 COUNSEL SAW THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND DID NOTHING.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I KNOW. SO IS YOURS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NORMAN HAYNIE?

20

21 **NORMAN HAYNIE:** YES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF SPEAKING,
22 SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO TAKE FIRST THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE
23 SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THEY PUT IN FOR
24 LITERALLY DECADES PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. AND
25 PERSONALLY, I APPRECIATE IT AND I'M CERTAIN THAT THE PUBLIC

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1 DOES, AS WELL. I HAVE TWO POINTS WITH THE PLAN. I'M IN SUPPORT
2 OF 98 PERCENT OF THE PLAN BUT THERE'S 2 PERCENT THAT I HAVE A
3 PROBLEM WITH. THE FIRST IS THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH
4 CULTIVATION. THERE ARE AREAS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
5 CONSISTENT WITH THE COASTAL ACT OF 1976 THAT HAVE BEEN USED
6 FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE PAST. THEY MAY NOT BE USED RIGHT NOW,
7 BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO DO ORGANIC FARMING. NO
8 PESTICIDES. AND TO BASICALLY HAVE A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE. AND
9 UNDER THIS PLAN, EVEN THOUGH THOSE PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN USED
10 FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE PAST, THEY CAN'T BE USED FOR
11 AGRICULTURE NOW. I'M TALKING CARROTS, LETTUCE, GREEN BEANS,
12 THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I THINK THE PLAN SHOULD ALLOW FOR THAT.
13 THE LAST THING IS MITIGATION. BASICALLY THIS PLAN DOES NOT
14 GIVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENOUGH RIGHT TO MITIGATE ISSUES.
15 IF A PERSON HAS MAYBE A THOUSAND ACRES AND FIVE SEPARATE LOTS
16 AND HE WANTS TO CREATE A NEW PARCEL, YOU CAN'T ACCEPT THAT
17 1,000 ACRES AS MITIGATION FOR THE CREATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL
18 LOT WHERE HE WANTS TO BUILD ANOTHER HOUSE. YOU SHOULD HAVE
19 THAT RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NORM, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOU HAVE ONE ITEM YOU
22 WANTED TO BRING UP?

23

24 **NORMAN HAYNIE:** NO. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER. I THINK
25 MITIGATION IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR PROTECTING THE COASTAL ZONE.

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** SIR, COULD BRUCKNER ADDRESS THAT? IT IS AN
5 INTERESTING POINT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCUSE ME, YOU'RE ON, MR. PREVEN.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** DO YOU CARE TO ADDRESS IT?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. YOU'RE ON. YOUR TIME IS RUNNING.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SAY ON THIS BECAUSE I'M
14 SUPPORTIVE. I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU, SIR, AND THE
15 SUPERVISORS IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE BECAUSE SANTA MONICA
16 MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY, FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT TRACKING IT
17 CLOSELY, IS AN ASTONISHING PIECE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
18 BUSINESS FOR THE PUBLIC. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE, THANKS TO THE
19 TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THIS GROUP-- AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
20 AS YOU ALL KNOW, BECAUSE THIS IS A WHO'S WHO OF PEOPLE WHO
21 HAVE REALLY FOUGHT FOR THAT SECTION OF OUR COUNTY, HAS BEEN
22 DOGGED IN PURSUIT OF KEEPING THIS PLACE PRISTINE AND SO THAT
23 THE GENERATIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW WILL GET A CHANCE TO
24 EXPERIENCE IT THE WAY WE HAVE AND THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE SEEN
25 WILL BE MITIGATED. I JUST THINK THAT THIS IS A NO BRAINER. AND

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1 I'M VERY PLEASED THAT-- AND IF THE COASTAL COMMISSION CHANGES
2 ITS POLICIES FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED, YOU KNOW, I ASSUME
3 THAT AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND COULD BE IN ORDER
4 TO BRING THE KINDS OF EXEMPTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES THAT WOULD
5 PASS MUSTER. SO THANK YOU. AND GOOD LUCK WITH THIS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JORDAN BLAKE? BEFORE YOU START, JORDAN, TWO
8 MORE PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP. TOM HIX AND RACHAEL DESIRE? IS SHE
9 HERE? OKAY. JORDAN?

10

11 **JORDAN BLAKE:** HI. HELLO, EVERYONE. YES, MY NAME IS JORDAN
12 BLAKE AND I LIVE IN MONTE NIDO, I'M ALSO AN EQUESTRIAN AND
13 THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I MOVED TO OUR BEAUTIFUL AREA. I'M A
14 BOARD MEMBER OF MY LOCAL COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 40 HOMES. AND
15 OBVIOUSLY MYSELF AND THE EQUESTRIANS IN MY AREA COMPLETELY
16 APPROVE THE L.C.P. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TOM HIX.

19

20 **TOM HIX:** GOOD MORNING. I WAS LATE GETTING HERE, BUT MY COUNSEL
21 READ MY LETTER AND I BELIEVE GAVE IT TO THE CLERK, SO I JUST
22 WANTED TO GO ON RECORD THAT I SUPPORT THE L.C.P. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. HIX. ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN,
25 THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. I'D LIKE

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1 TO ASK IF MR. BRUCKNER HAS ANY RESPONSES HE WANTS TO MAKE AT
2 THIS TIME?

3

4 RICHARD BRUCKNER, THERE WERE A COUPLE QUESTIONS THAT WERE
5 ASKED OR CONCERNS. ONE ABOUT SLOPES IN THE SUNSET MESA AREA.
6 THE PLAN HAS VERY STRONG PROTECTION FOR SLOPES. AND I BELIEVE
7 THAT AREA WILL BE PROTECTED. THERE WAS ALSO A QUESTION ABOUT
8 CROPS. MOSTLY AROUND LOCAL VEGETABLE GARDENS AND THERE'S AN
9 EXCEPTION FOR LOCAL VEGETABLE GARDENS FOR PEOPLE WHO WISH TO
10 DO THAT. AND THOSE CAN INTRUDE INTO THE FUEL MODIFICATION
11 AREA. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THOSE COUPLE THINGS.

12

13 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: YOU MEAN THEY COULD GO INTO THAT 20-
14 FOOT AREA YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

15

16 RICHARD BRUCKNER: FOR CROPS, YES, SIR.

17

18 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: AND THEN THE ISSUE OF GRANDFATHERING
19 THAT'S BEEN RAISED HERE MULTIPLE TIMES TODAY. I KNOW I JUST
20 WANT TO GET IT ON THE RECORD, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO
21 ABOUT THAT?

22

23 COUNSEL: THE PLAN AS IT'S ESTABLISHED NOW SETS FORTH THE
24 GRANDFATHERING. WE GO AS FAR AS WE CAN GO LEGALLY IN THE PLAN
25 NOW.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO IF SOMEBODY IS 80 PERCENT THROUGH
3 NOW, WHAT HAPPENS?

4

5 **COUNSEL:** IF THEY'RE 80 PERCENT NOW WITH THE COASTAL
6 COMMISSION, THEY GET AN APPROVED PROJECT BEFORE THIS PLAN GOES
7 INTO EFFECT, THEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE UNDER THAT
8 PERMIT. IF THEY'RE NOT, I BELIEVE UNDER THE PLAN, THE PLANNERS
9 WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS, THEY COULD EITHER CHOOSE
10 TO CONTINUE WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION OR GO BEFORE THE
11 COUNTY. THE ISSUE THAT THEY FACE IS THAT ONCE THE COASTAL
12 PROGRAM IS CERTIFIED AND OUR COASTAL PROGRAM IS WHAT CONTROLS
13 THE DEVELOPMENT OUT THERE AND WHETHER YOU'RE BEFORE THE
14 COASTAL COMMISSION OR THE COUNTY, THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO
15 APPLY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THEM NECESSARILY TO
18 START FROM SCRATCH. IF THOSE THINGS THAT THEY HAVE DONE THAT
19 ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEW PLAN THAT WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE
20 OLD PLAN WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REDONE ALL OVER AGAIN. IF THEY
21 CHOOSE TO GO-- TO USE MR. KNABE'S EXAMPLE. IF YOU'RE IN THE
22 COASTAL COMMISSION NOW APPLYING FOR A PERMIT, YOU'RE 80
23 PERCENT DONE AND THEY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE AFTER THE
24 CERTIFICATION OF THE PLAN, CHOOSE TO CONTINUE WITH THE COASTAL
25 COMMISSION RATHER THAN COME TO US SINCE IT MAKES SENSE SINCE

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1 THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN DEALING FOR 80 PERCENT OF IT, AS LONG AS
2 THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE NEW PLAN ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE
3 OLD PLAN, THOSE THINGS DON'T HAVE TO BE REAPPLIED FOR?

4

5 **COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD ONLY BE THE THINGS THAT ARE
8 DIFFERENT. AND THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT THE LION'S
9 SHARE OF THIS ARE THE SAME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT. BECAUSE
12 BASICALLY THE WAY YOU MADE IT SOUND TO BEGIN WITH WAS THAT
13 THEY'D HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IF
14 THAT'S AN ISSUE, THEN I HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH IT. IF THE
15 FACT IS THAT IT'S IN COMPLIANCE ALREADY WITH THE EXISTING AND
16 EVEN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR WHATEVER WE ADOPT, THAT THEY CAN GO
17 FROM THAT POINT FORWARD, THAT'S HUGE. YOU NEVER SAID THAT, BY
18 THE WAY.

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** EXCUSE ME IF I DIDN'T, I APOLOGIZE.

21

22 **COUNSEL:** I APOLOGIZE. AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY'S CLARIFICATION ON THAT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE.

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT, EITHER. THANK
3 YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP, MR. CHAIRMAN. IF I CAN, CAN I READ A
4 MOTION IN?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS. "THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PORTION
9 OF THE COASTAL ZONE HAS LACKED CERTIFIED LOCAL COASTAL
10 PROGRAM-- HAS LACKED A LOCAL COASTAL CERTIFIED PROGRAM SINCE
11 THE INCEPTION OF THE COASTAL ACT, APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS AGO.
12 WITHOUT A CERTIFIED L.C.P. UNINCORPORATED AREA HOMEOWNERS AND
13 LAND OWNERS ALIKE MUST FIRST GO TO THE COUNTY FOR AN APPROVAL
14 IN CONCEPT AND THEN MUST PROCEED TO A YEAR'S LONG PROCESS AT
15 THE COASTAL COMMISSION EVERY TIME THEY WISH TO GAIN APPROVAL
16 TO BUILD ON THEIR LAND. IN OTHER WORDS, OUR CONSTITUENTS IN
17 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE CURRENTLY FACE TWICE
18 THE BUREAUCRACY AND TWICE THE FEES BECAUSE THE COUNTY LACKS AN
19 L.C.P. WORSE YET, PERMITTING DECISIONS ARE MADE ON AN AD HOC
20 BASIS, DENYING-- OFTEN DENYING BOTH LAND OWNERS AND
21 ENVIRONMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS PREDICTABILITY AS TO WHAT THE RULES
22 WILL BE ON ANY GIVEN MATTER. CERTIFYING AN L.C.P. WILL SOLVE
23 THESE PROBLEMS AND THE L.C.P. RECOMMENDED BY STAFF TODAY
24 REPRESENTS THE FIRST REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY IN NEARLY THREE
25 DECADES TO RESTORE THE COUNTY'S LAND USE PERMITTING AUTHORITY

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1 IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. RESTORING LOCAL CONTROL IS LONG
2 OVERDUE AND IT SHOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT DELAY. SUBSTANTIVELY THE
3 RECOMMENDED L.C.P. WILL PROTECT HORSE KEEPING, ENHANCE VISITOR
4 SERVING RECREATIONAL USES, PROTECT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES,
5 IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND PRESERVE THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE
6 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WHILE THE SUPPORT FOR ANY
7 COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN WILL NEVER BE UNANIMOUS, THE
8 L.C.P. HAS GARNERED THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF LOCAL
9 HOMEOWNERS AS WELL AS HORSE OWNERS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL
10 COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERS IN THE STATE, THE SANTA
11 MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AS
12 YOU HEARD FROM THEM TODAY. IT NOW DESERVES THE FULL SUPPORT OF
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE STAFF
15 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN THE AN ADDENDUM
16 TO BOARD LETTER AND THOSE ADDITIONAL CHANGES REFERENCED AT
17 TODAY'S HEARING BY DIRECTOR BRUCKNER.

18

19 **COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **COUNSEL:** TO MAKE CLEAR, THAT WILL BE COMING BACK FOR FINAL
24 APPROVAL.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY US, RIGHT.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND? I'LL SECOND. OKAY.

4 ONE OTHER QUESTION, MR. BRUCKNER? I THINK IT WAS MR. HAYNIE AT

5 THE END THERE, BUT IT WAS AN ISSUE THAT I FORGOT TO FOLLOW UP

6 ON. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE CULTIVATION OF EXISTING FARMLAND AND

7 ORGANIC AND THAT PROCESS. WHAT ABOUT THE MITIGATION ISSUE ON

8 AND OFF-SITE?

9

10 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ACTUALLY I WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN WITH MR.

11 HAYNIE. I THINK HE'S MISUNDERSTANDING. THERE IS A MITIGATION

12 PROGRAM AND IT ALLOWS ADDITIONAL PARCELS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON AND OFF-SITE.

15

16 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ON AND OFF-SITE IT HAS FLEXIBILITY. I THINK

17 THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING. WE CAN CLARIFY THAT WITH HIM IF

18 HE'S STILL IN THE AUDIENCE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND CLARIFY IT WITH ME, AS WELL.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NORM, ARE YOU STILL IN THE AUDIENCE? MAKE

23 SURE YOU GUYS EXCHANGE CARDS.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE
2 ANY OBJECTIONS? ONE ABSTENTION. SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK. YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU ALL.
5 [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, WE STILL HAVE BUSINESS TO DO. I
8 KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE. I KNOW YOU'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND,
9 BUT IF YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE, WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER
10 OF ITEMS TO COVER HERE AT THE BOARD. SO WE APPRECIATE IT.
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU FOR ABIDING BY THE
12 RULES OF THE BOARD. I BELIEVE-- WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS
13 LEFT, BUT ONE THAT STILL HAS SPEAKERS IS ITEM NO. 6, I
14 BELIEVE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM
15 1-D AND 7. OKAY. WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT. JOHN PARK,
16 HYPEIN IM. GRACE YOO AND SIMON LEE. THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS?
17 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE, IF YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY,
18 PLEASE? PLEASE. I KNOW YOU'RE ALL HAPPY, BUT WE HAVE BUSINESS
19 TO CONDUCT. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

20

21 **HYEPIN IM:** GOOD MORNING. I THINK IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON ALMOST.
22 ANYWAY, AGAIN MY NAME IS HYPEIN IM, PRESIDENT OF KOREAN
23 CHURCHES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT
24 OF THE \$100,000 BUDGET THAT WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR A STUDY OF
25 THE BUILDING THAT I BELIEVE IS ON 6TH AND VERMONT. AND JUST AS

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1 A PERSON WHO'S OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, I VISITED THE BUILDING
2 FOR MANY MENTAL HEALTH MEETINGS, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT WHEN I
3 GO IN, I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING BACK LIKE 30, 40 YEARS. IT
4 REFLECTS A VERY POOR IMAGE OF THE COUNTY OR THE CITY, AS WELL.
5 AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT TO DO THAT IN
6 LIGHT OF ALL THE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS HAPPENING IN THE AREA.
7 ALSO KOREATOWN IS ONE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS DESIGNATED FOR THE
8 PROMISE ZONE GROUND. AND SO I THINK IN THAT WAY THERE WILL BE
9 SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE SOME SYNERGY. I DO ASK FOR THAT
10 THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO GET INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY
11 THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA AND DO BUSINESS IN THE AREA,
12 PARTICULARLY SENIOR HOUSING. I KNOW THAT IT TAKES ABOUT EIGHT
13 TO TEN YEARS FOR FOLKS TO ACTUALLY GET INTO SENIOR HOUSING
14 WHEN THEY SIGN UP, A COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY, A PLACE FOR
15 MEETINGS. I KNOW THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ASKED
16 FOR IN THE PAST AND IT WILL BE A GREAT INVESTMENT. I HOPE IT
17 DOES HAPPEN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **JOHN PARK (VIA INTERPRETER):** MY NAME IS REVEREND JOHN PARK.
22 AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE VOICE OF MANY OF THE KOREAN
23 AMERICAN CHURCHES AND TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPERVISORS
24 HERE. AND I JUST WANT TO SHARE, GIVE INPUT THAT IN KOREATOWN,
25 THERE AREN'T THAT MANY PLACES WHERE KOREAN SENIORS CAN GATHER.

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1 AND SO MANY SENIORS END UP HANGING OUT AT MCDONALD'S BUT IT
2 HAS AN IMPACT ON THEIR BUSINESS, AS WELL. AND SO JUST IN TERMS
3 OF THE FUTURE USE OR REDEVELOPMENT OF THAT FACILITY, IF IT
4 DOES HAPPEN, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE A
5 FACILITY FOR SENIORS BUT NOT ONLY THAT TO JUST HANG OUT, BUT
6 REALLY A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN FIND OUT WHERE THEY COULD SERVE,
7 WHERE THEY COULD GET JOB TRAINING, LEARN ENGLISH, THINGS OF
8 THAT NATURE. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN ASK THAT WHEN YOU DO
9 THE REPORT, THE STUDY, THAT YOU WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
10 THE VOICE OF INPUT FROM THE KOREAN COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

14

15 **GRACE YOO:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS GRACE YOO, I'M THE
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION. I'M HAPPY
17 TO BE BEFORE THIS BODY ONCE AGAIN. AGAIN, WHEN I WAS HERE LAST
18 WEEK, WE TALKED ABOUT THE BLIGHT AND THE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY
19 FOR THIS STUDY TO DETERMINE WHAT SHOULD BE THE BEST WAY IN
20 WHICH THE COUNTY CAN SPEND ITS FUNDS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES OR
21 PERHAPS CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES. I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT I HAVE
22 SPOKEN TO QUITE A NUMBER OF DEVELOPERS ALREADY WHO WOULD BE
23 MORE THAN HAPPY AND WILLING TO COME IN TO SUPPORT SENIOR
24 HOUSING, WHICH IS A GREAT NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I'M
25 LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE FOLKS READY AND WAITING FOR THIS

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1 BODY TO GO AHEAD AND SAY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S NEEDED.
2 BECAUSE IT IS. I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THAT. SO WE'RE
3 EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY AND I JUST ASK THAT WHILE THIS
4 REPORT IS BEING DONE THAT COMMUNITY INPUT ALSO BE SOUGHT SO
5 THAT IT COULD BE A VERY FULL REPORT OF THE NEEDS OF THE
6 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

9

10 **SIMON LEE:** GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND
11 EVERYONE PRESENT. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS
12 SIMON LEE. I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CITY AND THEREFORE
13 THE COUNTY OF L.A. IT'S A JOKE. ANYWAY, I'M AN INVESTOR. AND I
14 HAVE INVESTED QUITE A BIT IN KOREATOWN, NEAR 6TH STREET AND
15 VERMONT AVENUE. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS
16 REGARDING THE PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE COUNTY OF
17 LOS ANGELES ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 6TH AND VERMONT AVENUE.
18 THE BUILDINGS THERE HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED FOREVER, EVER SINCE I
19 CAN REMEMBER. I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1976 FROM KOREA
20 AS A 10-YEAR-OLD, AND FIRST LIVED NEAR THERE. AND I REMEMBER
21 THEM VERY WELL. AFTER 1992 CIVIL UNREST I WORKED FOR REBUILD
22 L.A. I VISITED THE BUILDINGS THEN. I PASSED BY THEM COUNTLESS
23 TIMES OVER THE YEARS. PLEASE LET ME SAY THAT LET'S NOT WAIT
24 UNTIL THESE BUILDINGS BECOME EXTREMELY SUBSTANDARD AND ARE
25 DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE BECAUSE THEY MAY BE INJURIOUS TO

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1 HEALTH, OFFENSIVE TO THE SENSES AND OBSTRUCTIVE FOR USE OF THE
2 NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES SO AS TO INTERFERE WITH THE COMFORTABLE
3 ENJOYMENT OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THESE
4 COUNTY BUILDINGS NEED SOME ATTENTION AND CARING. THEY HAVE
5 BECOME EYESORES AND PERHAPS THE BIGGEST REASON FOR THE BLIGHT
6 IN THE AREA. THEY ARE EMBARRASSING. SO IT'S TIME TO FIX THEM
7 UP. AND BETTER YET REPLACE THEM WHICH HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE.
8 THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE BUILDINGS BY THE COUNTY ARE
9 DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY TO THE SENIORS AND
10 THE CHILDREN. ALSO THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF COUNTY WORKERS
11 CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL ECONOMIES, CRUCIAL TO SURVIVAL OF MANY
12 BUSINESSES IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS. AS YOU KNOW, THESE
13 BUILDINGS ARE SITUATED IN THE AREA THAT WAS RECENTLY
14 DESIGNATED AS A PROMISE ZONE BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. AS A
15 COMMUNITY I KNOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER SO EVERYONE CAN BENEFIT.
16 SO, SELLING THE BUILDINGS TO DEVELOPERS MAY NOT BE THE ONLY
17 IDEA.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. YEAH, JUST
20 BE ASSURED, I MEAN THIS IS THE VERY BEGINNING PROCESS AND YOUR
21 TESTIMONY WILL BE MORE APPLICABLE AS WE MOVE DOWN DURING THE
22 PLANNING PROCESS. BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN. DANNY
23 PARK, MELLO DESIRE AND ERIC PREVEN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** DANNY PARK HAD TO LEAVE.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MELLO RACHEL DESIRE AND ERIC
3 PREVEN.

4

5 **MELLO DESIRE:** GOOD MORNING. THE FUNDING FOR THE STRUCTURE ON
6 VERMONT FOR THE KOREAN NEIGHBORHOOD IS ALL FINE AND GOOD.
7 \$100,000 IS ALSO NOT MUCH OF A LARGE AMOUNT. BUT WE NEED MORE
8 FUNDING FOR SKID ROW. WE NEED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
9 HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE MISSIONS, FOR THE SHELTER THAT I'M
10 CURRENTLY STAYING IN. WE NEED A COMPUTER. WE NEED MORE
11 EMPLOYEES TO EXPEDITE NOT ONLY THE PROCESS OF V.O.A. LAMP,
12 THAT'S LOCATED ON 6TH AND SAN PEDRO WHERE THE EMPLOYEES ARE
13 CURSING OUT THE HOMELESS VETERANS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE,
14 PEOPLE THAT CANNOT EVEN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. AND BECAUSE I
15 SPEAK OUT FOR THEM, I WAS CURRENTLY ASKED TO LEAVE. I THINK
16 THIS IS DEPLORABLE WHERE WE CONSIDER FUNDING FOR ANY OTHER
17 PART OF LOS ANGELES WHERE I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE HOMELESS.
18 WORKING FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH, I DID NOT EXPECT TO BE IN THIS
19 POSITION. BUT BECAUSE I AM, IT MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO KNOW
20 THAT THERE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE THERE THAT ACTUALLY WANTS TO
21 HELP EXPEDITE THE PURPOSE. YOU WANT TO CHECK IN YOUR BAG? YOU
22 HAVE TO WAIT AN HOUR. THEY CURSE AT YOU, AND YOU SAY
23 SOMETHING, THEN YOU'RE PUT OUT. SO I NEED TO KNOW: WHEN CAN WE
24 HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS? BECAUSE THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE
25 PROBLEM IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE KOREAN

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1 NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THEY'RE MORE PUT TOGETHER THAN THE AFRICAN-
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THAN THE LATINO COMMUNITY. AND IT'S
3 DEFINITELY ESPECIALLY MORE THAN SKID ROW. WE DON'T NEED ANY
4 MORE FOOD. WE DON'T NEED MORE ORGANIZATIONS FEEDING THEM. THEY
5 NEED TO BE REHABILITATED FROM THE INSIDE OUT STARTING WITH THE
6 V.O.A.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
11 DISTRICT 3. AND I HEARD VERY CAREFULLY THIS DIALOGUE LAST WEEK
12 ABOUT THE VERMONT CORRIDOR AND ABOUT THE NUMEROUS COUNTY
13 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS THAT FACE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
14 MEAN, THERE WAS LAST WEEK THERE WAS A 75 MILLION APPROVAL AND
15 THIS WAS KIND OF A LAGGARD AND IT'S NOW GOING TO BE APPROVED
16 THAT THE C.E.O. WHO HAD BEEN LOOKING AT DOING SOME UPGRADES IN
17 THIS CORRIDOR, NOW WE'RE GOING TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AND WHAT I'VE NOTICED, AND I THINK
19 IT'S WORTH RAISING, IS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF LOVE IN THIS ROOM
20 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN THE RECENT PAST.
21 THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT CERTAINLY IDENTIFIED
22 THAT THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB BUILDING UP THEIR NEW FACILITY
23 DOWN IN THEIR HEADQUARTERS FOR A GOOD PRICE. IT INVOLVED SOME
24 PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS THAT I'M NOT FULLY CLEAR ON, BUT
25 NONETHELESS, HERE'S THE THING. CAPITAL PROJECT MONEY THAT IS

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1 NOW BEING ROLLED OUT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. I WOULD LOVE TO
2 HEAR FROM THE OTHER THIRD DISTRICT CANDIDATES ABOUT WHAT THEY
3 THINK. I REALIZE THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS COUNTY
4 INFRASTRUCTURE LEST IT BECOME WORSE THAN IT ALREADY IS, IN
5 SOME WAYS. BUT I DO FEEL THAT THE TRANSPARENCY PIECE HAS BEEN
6 MISSING. THERE WAS A MEETING RIGHT HERE WHERE A VERY HIGH-
7 RANKING C.E.O. DEPUTY WAS CALLED OUT TO TALK ABOUT THE AECOM
8 REPORT ON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE. THE REASON YOU HAVE AN AECOM
9 REPORT IS TO GET A SENSE OF THE HIGH WIDE SHOT OF WHAT WE HAVE
10 TO DO. I ASKED FOR IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT, "OH THAT'S
11 INTERESTING. THEN WE CAN HAVE A SENSE AND SEE WHAT THE
12 SUPERVISORS WANT TO TAKE CARE OF IN THEIR DISTRICTS," BUT IT
13 NEVER CAME FORWARD. AND I ASKED AND ASKED. AND I DID A PUBLIC
14 RECORD ACT REQUEST. AND I STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT. SO I
15 APPRECIATE IT NOW IT'S AFTER THE FACT AS YOU PUSHED THROUGH
16 ANOTHER, THERE WILL BE MORE. I'D LOVE TO SEE THAT REPORT ON
17 THE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FROM AECOM, IF THERE'S A
18 RECORD ON THIS. BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. AND I DO SUPPORT
19 WHAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS DOING IN THIS CASE TO TRY TO BRING
20 SOME REVITALIZATION TO THAT CORRIDOR THAT IS CERTAINLY DUE
21 ALONG WITH OTHER CORRIDORS FOR SOME UPGRADES, SO THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 1-D AND 7 ARE BEFORE US. UNLESS
24 THERE IS FURTHER QUESTION, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
25 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM

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1 NO. 6? JAN LEVINE, ESTHER LIM, TAREK AZZAM. MARTHA MATTHEWS?

2 WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR. IS ONE MINUTE OKAY?

3

4 **JAN LEVINE:** GOOD MORNING-- AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS
5 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAN LEVINE, AND I'M
6 SPEAKING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
7 MOTION, SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR A REVIEW OF JUVENILE INDIGENT
8 DEFENSE CONTRACTS. ALMOST EXACTLY A DECADE AGO I SAT AS THE
9 JUDGE IN A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT FIRST IN LONG BEACH AND
10 THEN AT THE KENYON JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER IN SOUTH CENTRAL
11 LOS ANGELES. I HEARD ABOUT 25 CASES A DAY. PANEL ATTORNEYS
12 APPEARED BEFORE ME REGULARLY. IN DELINQUENCY COURT, VERY FEW
13 MATTERS GO TO TRIAL. IN FACT, 95 TO 97 PERCENT OF ALL THE
14 CASES FILED ARE PLED OUT. THUS, MOST OF THE HEARINGS WERE
15 SHORT, 5 TO 10 MINUTES OR SO. FOR ME, THE HEARINGS MOVED ONE
16 AFTER ANOTHER FILLING MY DAY. BUT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL YOUTH WHO
17 APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT 5 TO 10-MINUTE HEARING WAS THE MOST
18 IMPORTANT THING HAPPENING IN HIS OR HER LIFE. FOR MANY, IF NOT
19 MOST, OF THE YOUTH IN COURT FOR AN ADJUDICATION, THAT 5 TO 10
20 MINUTES WOULD CERTAINLY DETERMINE THEIR SHORT-TERM FUTURE AND
21 POSSIBLY IRREVOCABLY ALTER THE COURSE OF THEIR ENTIRE LIFE.
22 FOR THESE YOUTH, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT DAY WAS WHO WAS
23 REPRESENTING THEM. I WAS JUST THE JUDGE. I WOULD HEAR ONLY
24 WHAT THE LAWYERS PRESENTED TO ME. MOST OFTEN, A PLEA DEAL THAT
25 THEY HAD WORKED OUT. AND I WOULD TAKE THE PLEA. AFTER THAT, AT

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1 THE NEXT HEARING, THE LAWYER AND THE D.A. AND THE PROBATION
2 DEPARTMENT WOULD PRESENT A RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION TO ME.
3 JUVENILE COURTS, UNDER STATE LAW, HAVE TO HAVE A STRONG
4 REHABILITATION COMPONENT IN ADDITION TO THE PUNITIVE ASPECT IN
5 SUPERVISING YOUTH. BOTH ELEMENTS ARE DETAILED THROUGH
6 PROBATION CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. IF A YOUTH HAD MENTAL
7 HEALTH ISSUES OR EDUCATION PROBLEMS OR A HISTORY OF SEVERE
8 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OR NEEDED A PARTICULAR KIND OF PLACEMENT, I
9 NEEDED TO KNOW THAT IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE APPROPRIATENESS OF
10 THE PROPOSED DISPO PLAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOU CAN SUBMIT--
13 SURE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I NEED TO ASK QUESTIONS ON WHERE YOU WERE GOING
16 AS A JUDGE. SO AS A JUDGE, YOU MONITORED WHERE THEY WERE
17 PLACED?

18

19 **JAN LEVINE:** WELL, I COULD ONLY OPERATE BASED ON WHAT
20 INFORMATION THEY GAVE ME. SO THE CHILD'S LAWYER HAD TO KNOW
21 WHETHER OR NOT I'D BEEN GIVEN ALL THE INFORMATION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU KNOW IF THE CHILD'S LAWYER SAW THE MENTAL
24 HEALTH CASE?

25

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1 **JAN LEVINE:** IF THE CHILD'S LAWYER DIDN'T TAKE THE TIME TO
2 INVESTIGATE WHETHER THERE WERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES--

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW DO YOU KNOW IF THEY DID OR NOT?

5

6 **JAN LEVINE:** I DON'T KNOW IF THEY DID OR NOT. BUT I KNOW THEY
7 DIDN'T HAVE ANY HELP IN DOING IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND IF ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT
12 TO SUBMIT FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY, PLEASE DO. SO THE NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE?

14

15 **JAN LEVINE:** OKAY.

16

17 **ESTHER LIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THIS STATEMENT IS BEING SET FORTH
18 BY ME, ESTHER LIM, THE JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR AND DAVID SAPP,
19 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ADVOCACY WHO UNFORTUNATELY COULDN'T BE
20 HERE, FROM THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE L.A.
21 COUNTY SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING FREE DEFENSE TO YOUTH AND
22 DELINQUENCY SYSTEM IMPLICATES A FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL
23 INTEREST AND REPRESENTS AN INTERSECTION OF A.C.L.U. SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA ADVOCACY ON IMPROVING REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING
25 FOR YOUTH DETAINED IN CAMPS AND HALLS AND ON REFORMING THE

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1 ADULT JAIL SYSTEM. WE SUPPORT THE MOTION BEFORE YOU AND
2 BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD REVIEW AND ASSESS THE JUVENILE
3 INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM AND THE USAGE OF THE LOW FLAT FEE
4 COMPONENT OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM. IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE
5 OF OUR U.S. CONSTITUTION THAT DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO
6 ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND IT'S WELL-
7 ESTABLISHED THAT THIS RIGHT EXTENDS TO OUR YOUTH AND THE
8 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THE RIGHT APPLIES AT ALL CRITICAL
9 STAGES OF A PROCEEDING AND IS NOT SATISFIED BY MERELY THE
10 PRESENCE OF AN ATTORNEY IN THE COURTROOM. YOUTH ARE ENTITLED
11 TO RECEIVE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, THEREFORE INDIGENT
12 DEFENSE SYSTEMS MUST BE DESIGNED AND MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE
13 RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTED COUNSEL REPRESENTING
14 YOUTH PROVIDE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION. MOREOVER,
15 REPRESENTATION WITHOUT ADEQUATE RESOURCES RESULTS IN
16 ADJUDICATIONS FOR THESE YOUTH TO RECEIVE LONGER COMMITMENT
17 TERMS, GREATER LIKELIHOOD OF TRANSFER TO THE ADULT SYSTEM AND
18 PROLONGED APPEALS, ALL OF WHICH CARRY SIGNIFICANT COSTS TO THE
19 COUNTY THAT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AND FACTORED INTO THIS
20 DECISION. WE HOPE THAT THIS BOARD IN PARTICULAR WOULD BE
21 COGNIZANT OF PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS BEFORE
22 THEY COME TO HEAD AS WE HAVE SEEN THE CONSEQUENCES OF
23 PROLONGED INACTION IN THE FACE OF SYSTEMIC BREAKDOWNS IN THE
24 JAILS AND THE PROBATION CAMPS AND HALLS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **TAREK AZZAM:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TAREK AZZAM, I'M
2 A PROFESSOR AT CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY IN THE APPLIED
3 METHODS AND EVALUATION DEPARTMENT. I'M HERE TO REPORT ON
4 FINDINGS FROM A STUDY WE RECENTLY COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED FOR
5 PUBLICATION. THIS STUDY REALLY EXAMINED THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
6 SYSTEM FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF-- BASICALLY WHAT WE ATTEMPTED
7 TO DO IS WE ATTEMPTED TO LOOK AT HOW LAWYERS WITHIN THE
8 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ACTED IN DEFENSE OF THEIR JUVENILES
9 AND ALSO WHAT OUTCOMES WERE PRODUCED AS PART OF THE PROCESS.
10 AND SO WE LOOKED AT LAWYER ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES. AND OUR
11 FINDINGS SUGGESTED THAT WITHIN THE SYSTEM, THAT PUBLIC
12 DEFENDERS WERE MORE LIKELY TO FILE MOTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE
13 CLIENTS, ACTUALLY REQUEST EXPERT WITNESSES AND REQUEST TO
14 DISMISS THE TRIAL AS COMPARED TO OTHER FORMS OF
15 REPRESENTATION. AND IN TERMS OF OUTCOMES, WE ALSO FOUND THAT
16 PUBLIC DEFENDERS-- WHEN NON PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS WERE
17 REPRESENTING THE YOUTH, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
18 THE LENGTHS OF SENTENCES BY APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT AND THE
19 YOUTH WERE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE A HIGHER DISPOSITIONAL
20 LEVEL. AND THAT LIKELIHOOD INCREASED BY 34 PERCENT. ONE OF THE
21 THINGS THAT WE ATTEMPTED TO DO IS WE COLLECTED OVER 3,000 CASE
22 FILES. AND IT TOOK TWO YEARS OF HAND ENTRY, DIGGING THROUGH
23 THE COURTS AND THE ARCHIVE SYSTEM TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION
24 AND TO CONDUCT THIS ANALYSIS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS
25 PROVIDES COMPELLING EVIDENCE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS

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1 AREA IN TERMS OF FURTHER EXAMINING HOW LAWYER AND
2 REPRESENTATION QUALITY VARIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** -- WOULD HELP IN THAT DIRECTION.

7

8 **TAREK AZZAM:** WELL, THIS MOTION IS-- THE PROCESS OF IT IS TO
9 CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE-- PART OF THE MOTION GUIDELINES, AT
10 LEAST AS I READ IT, IS TO LOOK AT THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF
11 COMPENSATION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST COMPENSATION, THAT'S IT?

14

15 **TAREK AZZAM:** OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THE QUALITY OF IT.

18

19 **TAREK AZZAM:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT A PART OF IT-- AND ONE OF
20 THE THINGS THAT WE WANTED TO POINT OUT THROUGH THIS REPORT AND
21 THROUGH THIS PUBLICATION-,

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOUR REPORT. BUT NOT THROUGH THIS MOTION?

24

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1 **TAREK AZZAM:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT THERE IS A DISPARITY. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN I'D ASK MARTHA MATTHEWS TO JOIN US.
5 ANTONIA CASA, CHERYL BONACCI, ARE THEY HERE? YES, GO AHEAD.

6

7 **MARTHA MATTHEWS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.
9 MY NAME IS MARTHA MATTHEWS. I'M THE DIRECTING ATTORNEY OF THE
10 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT AND PUBLIC COUNSEL. PRIOR TO MY
11 CURRENT JOB, I WAS A SUPERVISING AND APPELLATE ATTORNEY FOR
12 SIX YEARS, AT CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF LOS ANGELES, THE
13 APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. MANY
14 YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MADE THE DECISION TO MOVE
15 FROM A LOW-BID, FLAT-FEE CONTRACT PANEL SYSTEM LIKE THE SYSTEM
16 UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY FOR JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE IN ITS
17 FOSTER CARE AND ON THE DEPENDENCY SIDE. THAT WAS A REALLY
18 IMPORTANT THING TO DO. YOU CAN BE THE MOST BRILLIANT ATTORNEY
19 IN THE WORLD, BUT IF YOU'RE PAID A FLAT FEE PER CASE AND
20 YOU'RE OPERATING ON YOUR OWN, YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT I SAW THE
21 UNIT OF ATTORNEYS I SUPERVISED HAVE: SUPPORT, PEER
22 SUPERVISION, PEOPLE WORKING WITH EACH OTHER TO BE THE BEST
23 THEY COULD BE, INVESTIGATORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS ON STAFF TO
24 HELP ADDRESS A CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH AND SPECIAL EDUCATION AND
25 OTHER NEEDS, REGULAR TRAINING. WE DID ON-SITE M.C.L.E.S. IF AN

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1 ATTORNEY HAD A QUESTION ON A COMPLEX ISSUE OF LAW, ALL THEY
2 HAD TO DO WAS CALL AND TEXT ME, THEIR SUPERVISOR AND SUPPORT
3 ATTORNEY AND I'D BE DOWN IN THE COURTROOM TO HELP THEM. THAT
4 KIND OF STRUCTURE IS WHAT CHILDREN'S ATTORNEYS NEED TO PROVIDE
5 EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION. THAT STRUCTURE EXISTS IN THE PUBLIC
6 DEFENDER'S OFFICE; IT COULD EXIST IN AN ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC
7 DEFENDER OR ADMINISTERED PANEL SYSTEM SUCH AS WE HAVE IN THE
8 DEPENDENCY COURT. THE KIDS ARE THE SAME KIDS, WHETHER YOU COME
9 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE YOU
10 COMMITTED A MINOR CRIME OR BECAUSE SOMEONE IS BEATING YOU OR
11 SEXUALLY EXPLOITING YOU, THE NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE
12 IDENTICAL. THEY ARE KIDS WITH A TRAUMA HISTORY. THEY ARE KIDS
13 WHO OFTEN HAVE DISABILITIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS. THEY CANNOT BE
14 EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED BY ANY ATTORNEY WORKING ON THEIR OWN
15 FOR A FLAT FEE. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

16
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

18
19 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS
20 ANTONIA CASA. I'M HERE BECAUSE MY SON IS CURRENTLY AT THE
21 JUVENILE HALL. I'M HERE BASICALLY TO REPORT THAT VERY
22 IMPORTANT THAT WHEN THE KID GETS TO GO TO JUVENILE HALL, THEY
23 DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT REPRESENTATION BY AN ATTORNEY. BEFORE MY-
24 - WHEN MY SON WENT TO COURT, HE WAS SENTENCED TO 90 YEARS WHEN
25 HE BECAME AN ADULT. BUT THANKFULLY WE GOT IN THE HANDS OF A

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1 GOOD ATTORNEY, AND WE JUST EXPECTING HIM TO BE HOME SOON. I'M
2 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER PARENTS THAT ARE REPRESENTING KIDS
3 ARE IN THE JUVENILE HALL, THAT ARE HERE PHYSICALLY OR
4 SPIRITUALLY. BUT IT'S VERY SAD TO KNOW THAT OUR KIDS HAVE BEEN
5 FIGHTING THE SYSTEM AND BEING SENTENCED FOR 75 YEARS OR 100
6 YEARS AND THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT TO BE ABLE TO
7 HAVE THE RIGHT REPRESENTATION. I'M HOPING THAT THIS COULD BE
8 CHANGED AND TO HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, GO AHEAD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THE ATTORNEY A PUBLIC DEFENDER OR THE
13 PANEL ATTORNEY? WHAT WAS THE ATTORNEY'S NAME?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH).

16

17 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE WAS A PUBLIC DEFENDER?

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE US HIS NAME AFTER.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A QUESTION.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SUP. MOLINA.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH) THE QUALITY OF THE LAWYERING.

5

6 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** OKAY, HE WAS A PANEL ATTORNEY
7 THAT WAS REPRESENTED, THE FIRST ATTORNEY THAT HE HIRED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA AT THIS POINT.
12 MAYBE WE CAN TELL SOMEBODY ELSE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE IT TO MY DEPUTY. GIVE HER THE NAME OR
15 HIS NAME.

16

17 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** SHE WILL PROVIDE IT TO HIM.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** EL NOMBRE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I ASK THAT CAROL CHODROFF JOIN US,
22 FRANCISCO CARRILLO? AND MELLO DESIRE AGAIN, JENNY GONZALEZ.
23 OKAY. GO AHEAD.

24

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1 **CHERYL BONACCI:** MY NAME IS CHERYL BONACCI AND I AM HERE ON
2 BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S PROPOSAL AND I'M IN
3 FAVOR OF IT. I'VE BEEN IN DETENTION MINISTRY FOR 12 YEARS AND
4 I'M CURRENTLY THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AT A.R.C., THE
5 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS
6 OF CHILDREN WHO DON'T HAVE A VOICE IN THIS SITUATION, THE
7 THOUSANDS OF KIDS THAT WE HAVE IN JUVENILE HALL. I CAN'T TELL
8 YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SIT IN A COURTROOM WITH A CHILD WHO
9 REALLY HAS VERY LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN
10 THEIR COURT PROCEEDINGS AND LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEIR
11 RIGHTS ARE. THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO
12 ASK QUESTIONS. THEY THINK THEY'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO SIT SILENT
13 AND NOT SPEAK AND THEY ARE FRIGHTENED AND THEY ARE LOST. I
14 THINK THAT WE ARE-- OUR CHILDREN DON'T KNOW-- THEY OFTENTIMES
15 DON'T HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR ATTORNEYS. AND I FEEL LIKE
16 THAT WE ARE COLLECTIVELY FAILING OUR CHILDREN IN ESTABLISHING
17 THE FOUNDATION OF A SYSTEM THAT'S DESIGNED TO HELP THEM GET
18 BACK ON THEIR FEET; INSTEAD, WE ARE PUTTING THEM-- WE'RE
19 FAILING THEM WITH THE KIND OF REPRESENTATION THAT ADULTS HAVE
20 EVERY RIGHT TO HAVE. IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO DO
21 MORE FOR A CHILD WHO MAY HAVE COMMITTED A SERIOUS CRIME, BUT I
22 ALWAYS SEE THEM AS A CHILD FIRST. AND I THINK THAT WE CAN DO
23 BETTER BY THEM.
24
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

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1

2 **CHERYL BONACCI:** I THINK AT LEAST DIGGING DEEPER--

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** DIGGING DEEPER INTO WHAT?

5

6 **CHERYL BONACCI:** I THINK LOOKING AT THE REPRESENTATION THAT OUR
7 CHILDREN HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION SAYS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO THE CONTRARY, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE
12 MOTION IS VERY EXPLICIT.

13

14 **CHERYL BONACCI:** I THINK IN THE MOTION, TOO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM
15 AND LOOKING AT THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND THE CONSIDERATIONS OF
16 THE BOARD TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM AS WE HAVE IT, I THINK
17 THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS GOING TO HELP OUR CHILDREN.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT NEVER TALKS ABOUT THE CHILD, EVER.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME MAKE IT EXPLICIT THIS IS WHAT THE
22 MOTION SAYS AND I'LL DO THAT AFTER--

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL TRUST YOU. I WAS WONDERING
25 WHAT SHE WAS SAYING WOULD IMPROVE IN IT.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT YOU'RE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS THAT IT
3 DOESN'T ADDRESS THE CHILD, AND IT DOES, EXPLICITLY.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? ARE YOU GOING TO ADDRESS THAT NOW,
6 MARK?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, PROCEED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

11

12 **CAROL CHODROFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
13 OF SUPERVISORS. I AM THRILLED TO BE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF
14 THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. MY NAME IS CAROL CHODROFF AND I'VE
15 WORKED ON BEHALF OF YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN
16 ALMOST 20 YEARS AS A TEACHER FOR CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM, A
17 PUBLIC DEFENDER REPRESENTING CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM AND A
18 JUVENILE POLICY ATTORNEY WORKING TO CRAFT LAWS AND POLICIES TO
19 CREATE GREATER JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE YOUTH. AS ANY YOUNG
20 PERSON WHO HAS BEEN THROUGH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN
21 ATTEST, THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION HE OR SHE RECEIVES IS
22 CRITICAL. CHILDREN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM NEED TRAINED
23 ATTORNEYS WHO CAN OBTAIN CRUCIAL RECORDS AND ADVOCATE FOR
24 CHILDREN'S MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING,
25 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS. THESE SAME ATTORNEYS MUST ALSO

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1 PROTECT CHILDREN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BY INTERVIEWING THE
2 CHILD, EMPLOYING INVESTIGATORS, HAVING EXPERT WITNESSES
3 APPOINTED, OBJECTING TO INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AT AD JUDICATORY
4 HEARINGS, ADVOCATING FOR THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE AT
5 DISPOSITION AND PRESSING AT EVERY STAGE FOR THE CHILD'S
6 EXPRESSED INTEREST. OVER 70 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN THE
7 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SUFFER FROM ONE OR MORE MENTAL HEALTH
8 ISSUES WHICH EXACERBATES THEIR CONDITIONS AND THEIR NEEDS. I'D
9 LIKE TO CHANGE MY TESTIMONY A BIT RIGHT NOW AND JUST FOCUS ON
10 WHY THIS MOTION HELPS OUR CHILDREN AND IS SO CRITICALLY
11 IMPORTANT. THIS MOTION ISN'T JUST ABOUT COMPENSATION. AND THIS
12 MOTION IN NO WAY DISPARAGES PANEL ATTORNEYS. ALL IT DOES IS
13 RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTING YOUTH. IT
14 PROVIDES AND REVIEWS THE QUALITY OF TRAINING, WHICH IS
15 CRITICAL FOR REPRESENTING YOUTH IN THIS SYSTEM. SUPERVISION,
16 MENTORING, AS WELL AS COMPENSATION, ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE
17 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. ACADEMICS, JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, MENTAL
18 HEALTH EXPERTS, CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
19 SCHOLAR IRWIN CHIMERINSKI AND OTHERS ALL CONDEMN LOS ANGELES'S
20 JUDICIAL DELINQUENCY COMPENSATION SCHEME RIGHT NOW AS THE
21 WORST OPTION FOR THE PROVISION OF DEFENSE SERVICES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP.

24

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1 **CAROL CHODROFF:** MAY I SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD A LETTER OF
2 SUPPORT?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

5

6 **CAROL CHODROFF:** THAT WAS SIGNED BY--

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE YOU LIKE TO
9 SUPPORT, PLEASE DO. RIGHT BEHIND YOU, PAUL. YOU GOT SOME MORE.

10

11 **FRANCISCO CARRILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

14

15 **FRANCISCO CARRILLO:** MY NAME IS FRANCISCO, I'M A RECENT LOYOLA
16 MARYMOUNT STUDENT. I'M A RECENT FATHER AND ALSO AN EXONEREE.
17 WHEN I WAS 16 YEARS OLD HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I
18 WAS, BECAUSE OF A LINEAGE, A LINE OF JUST ERRORS, I WAS
19 WRONGFULLY ACCUSED OF A CRIME I DIDN'T COMMIT AND EVENTUALLY
20 FACING THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. MY FIRST STOP IN JUSTICE WAS IN
21 THE 707 HEARING IN THE COMPTON COURTHOUSE WHERE I WAS ASSIGNED
22 A PANEL ATTORNEY TO PRESENT MY CASE. ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN MANY,
23 MANY YEARS I CAN REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY OF THE SORT OF
24 POWERLESS AND MY VOICE WAS SORT OF VACANT AT THAT TIME. I WAS
25 FOUND UNFIT AND I WAS THEN SENTENCED TO SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM

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1 AND ULTIMATELY I WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO
2 LIFE IN PRISON. SHE FOCUSED ON THE HEARING THAT WE'RE TALKING
3 ABOUT HERE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL IF THE ATTORNEY WHO
4 WAS ASSIGNED TO ME-- I'M GRATEFUL HE WAS THERE TO REPRESENT
5 ME-- WOULD HAVE HAD THE RESOURCES TO POSSIBLY MAYBE DO A
6 SOCIAL HISTORY ON ME? MAYBE AT THE SAME TIME INTERVIEW MY
7 FAMILY, MAYBE UNTANGLE THE CASE, MAYBE HAVE THE RIGHT SORT OF
8 TOOLS TO BETTER REPRESENT ME. ULTIMATELY THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
9 AND AFTER 20 YEARS OF INCARCERATION, THE JUSTICE THAT I WAS
10 LOOKING FOR FINALLY CAME. AND THROUGH ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO
11 TO THE DAY, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IN LOS ANGELES MADE THOSE
12 FINDINGS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS THAT I WAS NOT ONLY INNOCENT
13 BUT THAT THERE WERE MANY ISSUES THAT WENT WRONG ON MY CASE.
14 I'M HERE TODAY TO LEND MY VOICE TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT CASE. I
15 FEEL SORT OF ROBBED MANY, MANY YEARS AGO ESPECIALLY AS A CHILD
16 THAT I WASN'T TAKEN SERIOUS, THAT MY LIFE WASN'T TAKEN
17 SERIOUS, OR THAT MY ATTORNEY DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER TOOLS AND
18 RESOURCES TO EVALUATE MY LIFE AND POSSIBLY I COULD ONLY WONDER
19 IF THAT WAS IN PLACE BACK THEN, IF THAT WOULD HAVE ALLEVIATED
20 THE SUFFERING I WENT THROUGH AS WELL AS MY FAMILY. SO THANK
21 YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JENNY GONZALEZ AND JABRIEL
24 MUHAMMAD. PLEASE JOIN US. NEXT?

25

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1 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I NEITHER OPPOSE
2 NOR FAVOR THE MOTION FOR ANY MORE PUBLIC DEFENDERS BECAUSE AT
3 THE END OF THE DAY, WHEN A JUVENILE DOES ENTER INTO THE
4 SYSTEM, IT IS DESIGNED FOR THEM TO STAY IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE
5 IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY. THESE KIDS RECEIVE MORE MONEY IF THEY
6 STAY IN JAIL. SO THE DEFENSE THAT THEY NEED MORE FUNDING FOR
7 PUBLIC DEFENDERS OR WHETHER PANEL ATTORNEYS OR CLASS ATTORNEYS
8 ARE GETTING LESS FUNDING OR YOU WANT JUST ONE CONTRACT, AT THE
9 END OF THE DAY, IT'S ABOUT THE CHILD. AND NOBODY THINKS ABOUT
10 THE CHILD. AND THE CHILD COMES FROM COMPTON, WATTS, EAST L.A.,
11 BOYLE HEIGHTS, MACARTHUR PARK, INGLEWOOD, SOUTH CENTRAL, THEIR
12 SPAN AND THEIR LIFESTYLE AND THE RESOURCES THAT ARE THERE IN
13 THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT ENDS THEM UP INTO THE SYSTEM IN THE
14 FIRST PLACE IS NOT BEING CATERED TO. SO WHY WOULD WE GO EVEN
15 ANY FURTHER TO HELP THEIR CASE IN COURT? MOST OFTEN, I WANT TO
16 PRESENT FOR THE PREVENTATIVE MEASURE OF HAVING THEM EVEN
17 ARRIVE IN THAT AREA, WHICH IS WHY I'M FOR PERFORMING ARTS AS A
18 REHABILITATION AND A SERIOUS ONE, TOO, BECAUSE BEFORE A CHILD
19 CAN EVEN COMMIT A CRIME OR EVEN THINK ABOUT SOMETHING
20 NEGATIVE, THEY HAVE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF FOUNDATION. AND IF
21 THESE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SUFFERING WITH NOTHING FOR THESE KIDS
22 TO DO ANYTHING POSITIVE, EVENTUALLY THIS IS WHERE THEY END UP.
23 AND THEY END UP INTO THIS SYSTEM. AND THESE CHILDREN ARE TOO
24 YOUNG TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. AND IN THE CASE OF ANTONIA CASA,
25 SHE CAME HERE BECAUSE SHE REPRESENTS MANY, MANY OF THE MOTHERS

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1 WHO LOSE THEIR CHILDREN TO THE JUVENILE SYSTEM WHERE THE KIDS
2 ARE MENTALLY TURNED AND TRAUMATIZED AND THEY STAY IN THE
3 SYSTEM EVEN IN THEIR ADULthood. SO MY PURPOSE IN SPEAKING ON
4 THIS MOTION IS REALLY ON DEFENSE OF THE CHILD WHO IS SUFFERING
5 IN THE END, WHICH NOBODY REALLY CARES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

8

9 **JENNY GONZALEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS JENNY GONZALEZ. AND I'M HERE TO
10 EXPRESS MY OPINION AND I HAVE A BROTHER IN JUVENILE HALL WHO
11 CAME THROUGH COURT. HE HAD A CASE. AND HE WAS FACING OVER 50
12 YEARS WITH HIS FIRST ATTORNEY HE HAD IN JUVENILE HALL. AND THE
13 ATTORNEY, I DON'T KNOW IF HE DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT RESOURCES,
14 BECAUSE HE DIDN'T TRY HARDER TO DO HIS JOB, SENTENCED TO ADULT
15 COURT WHERE THEY WERE GIVING HIM OVER 50 YEARS. IN ADULT
16 COURT, THERE WAS AN ATTORNEY WHO WORKED REALLY HARD WITH
17 DIFFERENT PEOPLE. HE SPOKE TO TEACHERS. HE INTERVIEWED SOCIAL
18 WORK, LIKE HE HAD MORE PEOPLE TO WORK WITH, AND NOW MY BROTHER
19 IS COMING HOME IN LESS THAN A YEAR. AND IT'S SAD BECAUSE THAT
20 COULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF HIS LIFE THROWN AWAY.
21 NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU OVER HERE, I OVERHEAR PARENTS,
22 SIBLINGS, LIKE I'M SPEAKING OVER FOR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND
23 COUSINS WHO BECAUSE THEIR ATTORNEYS DON'T HAVE I BELIEVE THE
24 RIGHT RESOURCES, THE HELP, THEY DON'T HAVE THE STRETCH TO ASK
25 FOR HELP TO OTHERS, THERE'S KIDS OUT THERE THAT HAVE BEEN

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1 SENTENCED AND ARE STILL GOING TO BE SENTENCED FOR A LONG
2 PERIOD OF TIME OF YEARS. MAYBE THEY DID COMMIT A CRIME. I'M
3 NOT SAYING THEY'RE INNOCENT. BUT THEIR SENTENCE COULD
4 EXTREMELY AND POSSIBLY BE WAY LESS THAN 60 YEARS, LIFE, 90
5 PLUS. IT COULD BE MAYBE EIGHT, MAYBE SIX, MAYBE ONE. IT DOES
6 NOT MATTER. IT'S NOT FAIR, AND I THINK SOMETHING SHOULD BE
7 DONE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR
12 BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. WE THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT, WE
13 SECOND, WE THIRD, WE FOURTH, WE FIFTH, WE SIXTH ON THIS MOTION
14 BY SUPERVISOR THOMAS. WE COME TO KNOW THE DAY THAT SUCH A
15 PARALLEL EXISTS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION. 97
16 PERCENT-- WAS REPORTED TO ME TODAY WAS THAT 97 PERCENT OF OUR
17 YOUTH HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL.
18 YOU TOLD ME 97 PERCENT OF OUR YOUTH, BY THE REPORTS GIVEN TO
19 ME BY THE MEMBERS WHO CAME HERE AND SPOKE, THAT 97 PERCENT OF
20 OUR YOUTH NEED TO BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY BECAUSE IT'S BEEN
21 SUBSTANTIATED THAT THEY'RE BEING INEFFECTIVELY ASSISTED BY
22 THEIR COUNSELS. FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE. FAILURE TO FILE PROPER
23 REPORTS. FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY REPRESENTED. SO ANYTHING THAT
24 WILL SHORE UP JUSTICE, WE HAVE TO BE IN FAVOR OF. AND WE ARE
25 IN FAVOR OF THIS TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE. NOW THE MENTION OF THE

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1 BUDGET, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE RECOGNIZE WHERE THE SO TO
2 SPEAK DISEASES EXIST SO THAT WE CAN ADMINISTRATE AND HEAL
3 WHERE THE SICKNESS LIES. AND HERE AGAIN IT'S A BIG CANCER, 97
4 PERCENT OF OUR CITIZENS, YOUNG OR OLD, AND IT SEEMS AS IF THIS
5 DISPARATES THE ADULT JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION. SO INEFFECTIVE
6 ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IS A BIG ONE. AND ANYTHING THAT ATTACKS
7 THAT, WE HAVE TO BE MAJORLY IN FAVOR OF. AND THIS GOES
8 NATIONAL. THIS IS A NATIONAL CRISIS. NOT JUST LOCAL.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN? THANKS VERY MUCH. AND I WANT
13 TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY. I
14 TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT EACH PERSON, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
15 ONE WHO DID TESTIFY, VOICED THEIR AFFIRMATIVE SENTIMENTS
16 REGARDING THIS RATHER IMPORTANT ITEM. THIS IS ABOUT JUVENILE
17 JUSTICE. IT IS ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.
18 IT IS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF CHILDREN. WE HAD HEARD ONE
19 TESTIMONY THAT SUGGESTED THAT SOME 20 YEARS WAS TAKEN OWING TO
20 AN INEFFECTIVE SYSTEM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ONE OF THE
21 LARGEST JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN THE NATION. WE KNOW THAT.
22 THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE
23 SYSTEM, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THEY HAVE MENTAL AND/OR MENTAL
24 HEALTH AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT
25 THE COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN CHILDREN FIRST ENTER THE

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PROPERLY DIAGNOSE THEIR MENTAL
2 HEALTH AND EVALUATE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LEARNING
3 DISABILITY. CHILDREN CHARGED WITH CRIMES ARE NOT ONLY ENTITLED
4 TO COMPETENT REPRESENTATION BUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID THE
5 PRISON PIPELINE IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO DO SO. AND IT
6 WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER
7 THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, TO EVALUATE ITS INDIGENT JUVENILE
8 DEFENSE SYSTEM. WE'RE CALLED UPON TO DO THAT. WE HAVE AN
9 OBLIGATION TO DO THAT. IT IS ESSENTIALLY ENSCONCED IN THE 14TH
10 AMENDMENT TO OUR CONSTITUTION, SOMEONE DESCRIBED IT AS DUE
11 PROCESS, TO ASSESS WHETHER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND/OR AN
12 EDUCATIONAL DISABILITY EVALUATION COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOT
13 JUST IN THE DISPOSITION OF A CRIMINAL CASE BUT, IN EFFECT,
14 BEHAVING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF COMMUNITIES, THAT IS TO AVOID
15 THE EXPANSION, THE DEEPENING OF THE PRISON PIPELINE. THERE ARE
16 MANY WAYS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, BUT WE CANNOT GET THERE
17 WITHOUT HAVING THE RIGHT INFORMATION. SO THIS MOTION
18 ESSENTIALLY SEEKS THAT INFORMATION. IT IS ABOUT GETTING THE
19 BOARD WHAT IT NEEDS. IT IS ABOUT DUE DILIGENCE. IT IS ABOUT A
20 FAIR EVALUATION TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE FACTS THAT SUPPORT
21 CREATING AN INDIGENT JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT IS NOT ONLY
22 JUST, NOT ONLY FAIR BUT IT ALSO TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE
23 IMPACT THAT UNDIAGNOSED AND UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH AND
24 LEARNING DISABILITIES IS FEEDING WHAT WE DESCRIBE AS THE
25 PRISON PIPELINE. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WISH TO DO. WE CAN DO

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1 BETTER. WE SHOULD DO BETTER. THE MOTION IS EXPLICIT IN TERMS
2 OF ITS REFERENCES TO YOUNG PEOPLE. IT IS EXPLICIT WITH ITS
3 REFERENCE TO YOUTH DEFENDANTS. IT IS EXPLICIT WITH ITS
4 REFERENCE TO JUVENILE DEFENDANTS. IT MAKES CLEAR THAT WE ARE
5 CONCERNED ABOUT CHILDREN AT RISK. AND IT IS ULTIMATELY CALLING
6 FOR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO HIRE THE APPROPRIATE, RETAIN THE
8 APPROPRIATE ENTITIES TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S
9 JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM AND WE SPECIFY WHAT COULD
10 THEN BE DONE TO MAKE MATTERS BETTER. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE
11 IT BETTER, MAKE IT MORE FAIR, MAKE IT MORE JUST FOR THESE
12 YOUNG PEOPLE. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AN AYE
13 VOTE ON THE MATTER THAT IS BEFORE US.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN? I'D LIKE TO OFFER A FRIENDLY
16 AMENDMENT THAT WE MOVE THAT THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT INCLUDE
17 THE TREND OF THE FILINGS WHAT THE TRENDS HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST
18 FIVE YEARS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COUNTY COST OF DEFENSE FOR
19 JUVENILES FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC
20 DEFENDER AND THE PANEL ATTORNEYS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I INTERPRET THAT AS A
23 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND WOULD BE GLAD TO ACCEPT THAT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THIS ISSUE IS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE, AN
2 IMPORTANT ONE. AND I'M GLAD SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS
3 ADDRESSING IT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MOTION IS SET UP IN A WAY
4 THAT I CAN'T SUPPORT AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT BECAUSE
5 IT LOOKS AT MORE OF A COMPENSATION ISSUE. PAYING LAWYERS MORE
6 DOES NOT GET YOU BETTER REPRESENTATION. I WISH IT DID. I HAVE
7 BEEN WATCHING THIS JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SINCE I WAS 20 AND
8 WORKING IN CASA MARAVILLA, AS A GANG WORKER AND COMMUNITY
9 ORGANIZER, AND I SAW THE MISREPRESENTATION OR THE LACK OF
10 REPRESENTATION OF MANY OF THESE CHILDREN. WATCHING IT HERE IN
11 OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN PAINFUL. BUT I DO KNOW
12 THAT A CHILD USUALLY IS NOT IN OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT UNLESS
13 USUALLY IT'S A THIRD OFFENSE ON AVERAGE UNLESS IT'S A VERY
14 SERIOUS CRIME. BUT WE'RE REALLY MISSING THE POINT HERE. AND I
15 DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
16 THOMAS'S MOTION, BUT THE MOTION IS BASICALLY FOCUSED TO HAVE A
17 CONSULTANT LOOK AT THE COMPENSATION ASPECT. CERTAINLY THERE'S
18 IMPROVEMENTS THAT SHOULD BE MADE. BUT ONE OF THE STARTLING
19 THINGS THAT HAS COME ACROSS OUR DESK, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
20 ALL HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT, IT WAS A REPORT THAT
21 WAS ISSUED BY JUDGE NASH CALLED JUVENILE COURT DELINQUENCY
22 STANDARDS OF REPRESENTATION. IT'S A DRAFT REPORT. IT IS
23 ENDLESS. AND IT GOES ON TO A SERIES OF, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE
24 300 RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXACTLY WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING? BUT
25 WHAT JUDGE NASH DID, HE SAID THE WORD "MUST." IN HERE IT SAYS

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1 COUNSEL "SHOULD" READ. DIDN'T SAY MUST READ. THE PAPERWORK.
2 COUNSEL "SHOULD" CONSIDER. COUNSEL "SHOULD" ASCERTAIN. COUNSEL
3 "SHOULD" HAVE RELEASES READY. COUNSEL "SHOULD" SPEAK TO THE
4 YOUTH. COUNSEL "SHOULD" EXPLAIN. INSTEAD OF MUST. SO, THESE
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE EXCELLENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO REALLY CREATE
6 A BETTER QUALITY REPRESENTATION, SO WE SHOULD ADOPT THESE
7 RECOMMENDATIONS OR INCLUDE THESE IN THE REPORT; AND INSTEAD OF
8 SAYING "SHOULD", IT SHOULD BE "MUST" IF YOU WANT TO UPGRADE IF
9 QUALITY OF THE LAWYERING AND THE ADVOCACY THAT'S GOING ON. AND
10 THEN WITH IT, WE GET A LETTER FROM RONALD L. BROWN, THE PUBLIC
11 DEFENDER, I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE READ IT, AND HE SAYS
12 "JUDGE NASH, GOOD IDEA BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT." THAT IS
13 THE PROBLEM. SO YOU HAVE SOMEBODY WHO HAS STUDIED THIS ISSUE
14 AND IS TALKING ABOUT-- THERE'S NOBODY WHO SUPERVISES THESE
15 PANEL ATTORNEYS. UNLESS YOU HAVE A GOOD JUDGE WHO SITS THERE
16 AND SAYS "HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR CLIENT? HAVE YOU BROUGHT ON
17 ALL THE PAPERWORK? HAVE YOU LOOKED UP HIS FILE? " MOST JUDGES
18 HAVE 25 TO 30 CASES BEFORE LUNCHTIME. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY THEY
19 GO THROUGH THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I WATCHED ONE CASE
20 RECENTLY THAT WAS JUST HORRIFYING TO ME OF A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL
21 THAT WAS-- SHE WAS MARKED AS A SEXUAL PREDATOR. AND WHEN I
22 READ THAT CASE AND I LOOKED AT THE LAWYERING INVOLVED WITH IT,
23 THEY PLEADED DOWN FROM AN ASSAULT CASE TO A PREDATOR CASE.
24 NOW, WHY YOU'D DO THAT, I DON'T KNOW. SO THIS POOR 15-YEAR-OLD
25 WAS NOW MARKED AS A PREDATOR. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS CASE,

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1 SHE DIDN'T DESERVE ANY OF THOSE TWO KIND OF OUTCOMES, BUT-- SO
2 THIS IS WHAT WE GOT TO DO, MARK, SO I WOULD CREATE A FRIENDLY
3 MOTION AND SAY: ACCEPT ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT JUDGE NASH
4 HAS PUT TOGETHER THROUGH THIS PANEL, CHANGE "SHOULD" SAYING"
5 SHOULD DO TO "TO" MUST DO." ASK MR. BROWN TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
6 IT'S GOING TO COST TO PROVIDE QUALITY AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER AND
7 NOT SIT HERE AND SAY "THESE ARE OUR WARDS, THESE ARE OUR
8 CHILDREN, THE PEOPLE ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT ABOUT THE FACT
9 THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. WE ARE HARMING
10 THESE KIDS EVERY SINGLE DAY BY SOMETHING WE CALL DUE PROCESS
11 AROUND HERE THAT IS NOT DUE PROCESS AT ALL WHEN THEY'RE PLED
12 OUT TO THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT ARE PLED OUT. SO IF WE WANT TO
13 BE COMPREHENSIVE, GO BACK TO MR. BROWN AND ASK HIM: WHAT'S IT
14 GOING TO COST TO DO IT RIGHT? INCLUDE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.
15 AND INSTEAD OF "SHOULD DO" SAY" MUST DO" AND THEN I THINK WE
16 HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO REVAMP AND HAVE ADVOCACY THAT
17 REALLY COUNTS. I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO DO THESE.
18 THESE ARE VERY SOLID RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAKE SENSE. SO I
19 WOULD AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THAT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT COULD BE STUDIED, RIGHT? BECAUSE I
22 WOULDN'T BE PREPARED TO CHANGE MUST TO SHOULD OR CHANGE SHOULD
23 TO MUST BECAUSE I'VE NOT SEEN THE WHOLE SET OF
24 RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT IT SHOULD BE PART OF THE MIX.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SHOULD BE STUDIED.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT BEING PART
4 OF THE MIX?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO NOT. I DO WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
7 THE MOTION EXPLICATES THE POINT THAT WE WANT A COMPARATIVE
8 ANALYSIS OF PER- CASE COST BORNE BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE
9 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND JUVENILE PANEL ATTORNEYS. IT'S
10 VERY EXPLICIT THAT IT WANTS A REVIEW OF METHODS OF SPECIALIZED
11 TRAINING, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, SUPERVISION, MENTORING
12 AND SUPPORT, EVALUATION, THE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION
13 INCENTIVES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE EMPLOYED BY
14 THE ABOVE STATED ENTITIES. IT WANTS A REVIEW OF METHODS OF
15 SPECIALIZED TRAINING, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND THE LIKE,
16 AND CAUSING THOSE TO CONFORM TO NATIONAL STANDARDS. THIS IS
17 ESSENTIALLY GOING TO THE HEART OF WHAT WE MEAN BY
18 REPRESENTATION AND THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION, WITHOUT
19 CONDEMNING ANY OF THE PRACTITIONERS INVOLVED. WE CAN AND
20 SHOULD DO BETTER. NONE OF THE AMENDING MOTIONS ARE
21 INCONSISTENT WITH THE THRUST OF WHAT WE SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH
22 HERE IN TERMS OF REVIEWING THE JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE
23 SYSTEM WITH AN EYE TOWARD MAKING SURE THAT DEFENDANTS GET A
24 FAIR SHAKE, THAT THE DEFENDANTS ARE ADEQUATELY, THAT IS TO
25 SAY, COMPETENTLY REPRESENTED. MR. CHAIRMAN?

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I SECOND WITH THE FRIENDLY
4 AMENDMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
5 ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 39. WE HAVE STAFF REPORT, PLEASE.

11

12 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** HI, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF DR. KATZ, I'M DR.
13 CHRISTINA GALLI, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING,
14 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THEREFORE THE REPORT OF
15 THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION. IF
19 YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

20

21 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** SO AS WE'VE DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS
22 PRESENTATIONS, OUR OVERALL GOAL WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
23 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS
24 TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE CALL OUR MODIFIED TRIPLE AIM ACROSS THE
25 DEPARTMENT AND THAT'S TO DELIVER MORE CARE OF A BETTER AND

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1 HIGHER QUALITY WITHIN OUR EXISTING RESOURCES. FOR A FEW
2 SPECIFICS, AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2013, WE CLOSED OUT THE
3 HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM, EXCEEDING OUR GOAL OF ENROLLING
4 300,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH A FINAL ENROLLMENT AS OF THE END OF
5 DECEMBER AT 304,000 INDIVIDUALS. THOSE NUMBERS ARE CONTINUALLY
6 CHANGING BECAUSE APPLICATIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED THROUGHOUT
7 THE LATE PERIODS OF 2013, SUCH AS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ARE
8 CONTINUALLY BEING PROCESSED SO WE WILL EXPECT THAT THE FINAL
9 ENROLLMENT IN HEALTHY WAY L.A. TO STILL RISE A LITTLE BIT OVER
10 THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS AS THOSE APPLICATIONS ARE COMPLETED.
11 AUTOMATICALLY AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 2014, THE VAST MAJORITY OF
12 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE ENROLLED IN HEALTHY WAY L.A. WERE
13 TRANSITIONED SEAMLESSLY INTO MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE. AND YOU
14 CAN SEE BEFORE YOU THE ENROLLMENT INTO MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE
15 AS OF JANUARY 30TH AT THE END OF THE MONTH, WE HAD
16 APPROXIMATELY 296,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD BEEN ENROLLED IN
17 HEALTHY WAY L.A. THAT WERE TRANSITIONED OVER INTO MEDI-CAL
18 MANAGED CARE. THERE IS A FEW OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE
19 EITHER WILL TEMPORARILY BE IN FEE FOR SERVICE MEDI-CAL OR ARE
20 SHIFTING OVER TO MEDICARE, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY AGAIN ARE IN
21 MANAGED CARE. AS FAR AS THE LIVES THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO D.H.S.,
22 AS OF JANUARY 1ST, WE HAD ABOUT 145,000 LIVES THAT PREVIOUSLY
23 WERE IN THE HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM THAT WERE THEN
24 TRANSITIONED TO D.H.S. ABOUT A LITTLE LESS THAN HALF OF THOSE
25 WERE WITH HEALTH NET AND SLIGHTLY OVER HALF WERE WITH L.A.

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1 CARE. YOUR BOARD PREVIOUSLY HAS ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON STATE
2 WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.C.A. IN THIS REGARD, COVERED
3 CALIFORNIA HAD APPROXIMATELY HALF A MILLION INDIVIDUALS
4 ENROLLED IN COVERED CALIFORNIA AS OF THE END OF DECEMBER 2013
5 THAT HAD SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ARE
6 ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL SUBSIDIES. A MINORITY ARE NOT SUBSIDY
7 ELIGIBLE. AS FAR AS MEDI-CAL ENROLLMENT, NEW MEDI-CAL
8 ENROLLMENT IS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILLION
9 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EITHER ELIGIBLE OR HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO
10 BE ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE COVERED CALIFORNIA APPLICATION PROCESS
11 AND THEN WILL BE SHIFTED OVER TO MEDI-CAL ABOUT 630,000 OF
12 THOSE WERE PREVIOUSLY IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES' LOW INCOME HEALTH
13 PROGRAMS AND ABOUT 600,000 WERE DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE
14 THROUGH COVERED CALIFORNIA. AND I WOULD MENTION THAT JUST LESS
15 THAN HALF OF THE L.I.P. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE
16 HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM, SO L.A. HAD QUITE A LARGE AMOUNT OF
17 SUCCESS IN THE L.I.P.

18
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD I ASK ONE QUESTION? YOU HAD ONE
20 SLIDE BACK ABOUT THE D.H.S. ASSIGNED LIVES AS OF 1/1/ 14?
21 65,000 WITH HEALTH NET AND 80,000 WITH L.A. CARE? IS THAT THE
22 COMBINED TOTAL, THEN? IS THAT INSIDE THE 296,000?

23
24 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** YES.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

2

3 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE WITH COMMUNITY
4 PARTNERS. AND THEN THEIR PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL HOME WOULD STILL
5 BE WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC OR THEY OPTED FOR A PROVIDER
6 ELSEWHERE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** AS FAR AS THE LOS ANGELES STORY WITH COVERED
11 CALIFORNIA, L.A. WAS PROJECTED TO HAVE AN ENROLLMENT BY MARCH
12 OF ABOUT 177,000 INDIVIDUALS. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT
13 132,000 INDIVIDUALS IN L.A. COUNTY, ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE
14 GOAL THAT HAD ALREADY ENROLLED IN COVERED CALIFORNIA. WE MAKE
15 UP ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION THAT'S DETERMINED TO BE
16 ELIGIBLE FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA AND HAVE ABOUT 26 PERCENT OF
17 THE STATEWIDE ENROLLMENT. FOCUSING NOW ON D.H.S.-SPECIFIC
18 INITIATIVES, I'LL TALK THROUGH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS
19 THAT WE HAVE UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICES
20 THAT WE PROVIDE TO PATIENTS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD I GO BACK AGAIN? SO ARE WE
23 COMPETING WITH COVERED CALIFORNIA OR ARE WE ONE AND THE SAME?

24

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1 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** WE ARE NOT COMPETING WITH COVERED CALIFORNIA.
2 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT A PROVIDER IN THE
3 COVERED CALIFORNIA NETWORK.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WITH HEALTHY WAY L.A.? I MEAN WITH
6 OUR 300,000.

7

8 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** NO. THOSE INDIVIDUALS SHIFTED INTO MEDI-CAL.
9 AND THEY'RE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA FOR SUBSIDIES.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** SO AS FAR AS OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES, WE HAVE
14 A FOUR-TIERED MODEL OF OUTPATIENT SERVICE DELIVERY. AS YOU
15 MOVE DOWN THIS SLIDE, IT FOCUSES ON INCREASING THE EMPHASIS ON
16 CONTINUITY OF CARE, SHIFTING AWAY FROM EPISODIC-BASED VISITS,
17 FOCUSING ON ENHANCING THE PATIENTS PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP. SO
18 WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, PURE EMERGENCY CARE OFFERED IN OUR
19 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, URGENT CARE SERVICES FOR WHEN PATIENTS
20 ENCOUNTER ONE TIME OR TIME LIMITED ISSUES THAT CAN BEST BE
21 SEEN IN URGENT CARE. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING OUT A
22 SYSTEM OF CONTINUING CARE CLINICS WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF
23 INDIVIDUALS ON AN ONGOING BASIS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO BE
24 EMPANELED OR DO NOT REQUIRE EMPANELMENT AND THEN THE VAST
25 MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS FOR OUTPATIENT CARE WE ARE WORKING TO

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1 SEE THEM IN OUR PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES. AND CURRENTLY
2 WE HAVE OVER 300,000 PATIENTS EMPANELED IN OUR PATIENT-
3 CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE P.C.M.H.S ARE TO
4 IMPROVE COORDINATION, IMPROVE ACCESS AND THE TIMELINESS OF
5 CARE WITH A GOAL TOWARD OPEN AND SAME-DAY ACCESS AND PROVIDING
6 CARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME TO DECREASE COSTLY
7 UTILIZATION OF E.D. AND INPATIENT SERVICES. THE GOAL FOR THE
8 AMBULATORY CARE NETWORK IS 144 PATIENT CENTERED HOMES. THEY
9 ARE PROGRESSING VERY WELL ON FULL STAFFING OF THAT MODEL. WE
10 ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING 50, APPROXIMATELY 50
11 PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES IN OUR HOSPITAL BASED CLINICS
12 WHICH ARE LARGELY RELYING ON RESIDENT TEACHING MODELS. THE
13 A.C.N. HAS COMPLETED AS OF THE FALL THEIR PATIENT CENTERED
14 SCHEDULING SYSTEM, WHICH HELPS TO PROVIDE OPEN ACCESS AND
15 SAME-DAY-- IN THE A.C.N.? AND WE'RE ALSO ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF
16 THE WAY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF PATIENT-CENTERED SCHEDULING
17 AND HOSPITAL-BASED CLINICS.

18
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY ABOUT THAT.

20
21 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THAT'S OKAY. WE ARE ALSO JUST IMPLEMENTING A
22 SYSTEM FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPANELMENT OF NON-MANAGED CARE
23 PATIENTS. SO ACCORDING TO STATE MANDATES, ALL PATIENTS IN A
24 MANAGED CARE PLAN ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MEDICAL HOME AND THEY
25 WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EMPANELED INTO THE SYSTEM IF THEY CHOOSE

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1 D.H.S. AS THEIR PROVIDER. FOR PATIENTS THAT ARE NOT IN A
2 MANAGED-CARE PLAN, THERE IS A SINGLE PROCESS FOR CHANNELING A
3 REQUEST FOR EMPANELMENT INTO OUR PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL
4 HOMES. AND THAT PROCESS WORKS FROM ALL VENUES. FROM THE
5 INPATIENT SETTING, THE E.D., THE URGENT CARE, THE SPECIALTY
6 CLINICS AND PROVIDERS CAN SUBMIT REQUESTS, SHARE INFORMATION
7 ABOUT THE PATIENT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THEM EMPANELED. WE'RE
8 PROGRESSING THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PHONE SYSTEM TO BE
9 ABLE TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS CAN BE RAPIDLY MOVED THROUGH A
10 SENSIBLE CALL SYSTEM WITH QUICK ACCESS AND BETTER ABILITY TO
11 BE ABLE TO MONITOR PHONE WAIT TIMES. IT'S CURRENTLY IN PLACE
12 AT ALL 19 OF OUR A.C.N. CLINICS AND ALSO AT LOMITA FAMILY
13 HEALTH CENTER AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF ROLLING IT OUT TO THE
14 HOSPITALS. E-CONSULT CONTINUES TO BE A SUCCESS STORY FOR
15 D.H.S. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS SO FAR. THE
16 LATEST DATA IS LISTED HERE ON THE SLIDE WITH ABOUT 56,000
17 VISITS AS OF THE END OF JANUARY AND STILL A RESPONSE TIME OF
18 LESS THAN THREE DAYS. THERE'S ABOUT 1500 SUBMITTING PROVIDERS
19 20 SPECIALTIES LIVE ON E-CONSULT. YOU CAN SEE HERE JUST ONE
20 SNAPSHOT IN TIME. THE RESULT LARGELY BUT NOT ENTIRELY DUE TO
21 E-CONSULT AT HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM, ON THE SPECIALTY CARE
22 WAIT TIMES. THIS IS DATA FROM THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE FISCAL
23 YEAR EACH YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS SO SHOWING OCTOBER THROUGH
24 DECEMBER DATA. AND YOU CAN SEE HOW THE DATA FOR PREVIOUS YEARS
25 IN THE GREEN WAS QUITE HIGH FOR SEVERAL SPECIALTIES AND RIGHT

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1 NOW THE WAIT TIME MOST RECENTLY LISTED IN ORANGE HAS DECLINED
2 IN EVERY CLINIC THAT WE'VE SEEN AT HIGH DESERT. WE'VE SEEN
3 SIMILAR RESULTS AT OTHER CLINICS ACROSS THE SYSTEM. AS FAR AS
4 NEXT STEPS FOR E-CONSULT, OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE'LL BE
5 BRINGING ON ABOUT 100 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS FROM
6 THE COMMUNITY PARTNER CLINICS ONTO E-CONSULT. ALL OF THE
7 D.H.S. EMERGENCY ROOMS AND URGENT CARE SITES WILL ALSO BE
8 BROUGHT ONLINE AND WILL BE ONLINE BY THE END OF THE SPRING
9 2014. AND THEN THERE'S ABOUT 11 REMAINING SPECIALTIES THAT
10 WILL BE BROUGHT ONTO E-CONSULT BY THE END OF JUNE 2014, AS
11 WELL. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES FOCUSED ON
12 ENHANCING SPECIALTY CARE. IT'S NOT FULLY FOCUSED ON E-CONSULT.
13 I LISTED ONE EXAMPLE HERE OF OUR TELE-RETINAL SCREENING
14 PROGRAM. THIS IS A PROGRAM WHERE PATIENTS WITH DIABETES WHO
15 REQUIRE ANNUAL SCREENINGS FOR DIABETIC RETINOPATHY CAN HAVE A
16 PICTURE TAKEN OF THEIR RETINA AND THEN HAVE THAT PICTURE
17 VIEWED BY A PROVIDER IN A CLINIC. AND FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF
18 PATIENTS LISTED HERE, ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS, THEIR
19 PICTURE THAT'S TAKEN IN THE CLINIC IS SUCH THAT THEY DO NOT
20 HAVE ANY RISK OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY AND THEY DO NOT NEED TO
21 BE REFERRED TO OPHTHALMOLOGY. THIS IS BETTER FOR A PATIENT.
22 THEY DON'T NEED TO GO TO A VISIT. AND IT'S BETTER FOR OTHER
23 PATIENTS BECAUSE IT IMPROVES ACCESS TO OUR OPHTHALMOLOGY
24 APPOINTMENTS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THIS PROGRAM LIVE AT THREE
25 SITES. AND AS YOU'LL SEE HERE HAVE PLANS TO ROLL IT OUT ACROSS

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1 THE REST OF THE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT 2014. WE'RE ALSO CONTINUING
2 TO ROLL OUT OUR INTERNAL NURSE REGISTRY. WE HAVE ABOUT 30
3 RELIEF NURSES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ONTO THE SYSTEM.
4 CURRENTLY THE PILOT IS SOLELY FOCUSED AT FOCUSED AT
5 L.A.C.+U.S.C. BUT WE HAVE PLANS TO EXPAND IT TO THE OTHER
6 FACILITIES OVER THE COMING MONTHS AND IT'S ONE OF THE MAIN
7 WAYS THAT WE'RE SEEKING TO REDUCE EXTERNAL REGISTRY
8 UTILIZATION. OUR ORCHID IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE IS ON
9 SCHEDULE. THEY HAVE COMPLETED ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE DESIGN
10 AND BUILD PROCESS. WE'RE NOW UNDERGOING A SYSTEMATIC
11 IDENTIFICATION OF PROCESSES AND POLICIES THAT NEED TO BE
12 CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE ORCHID IMPLEMENTATION AND HARBOR IS
13 STILL SCHEDULED TO GO LIVE ON AUGUST 1ST. OUR PHARMACY SYSTEM
14 OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SYSTEM IS BEING REPLACED. AND WE ARE ALSO
15 IMPLEMENTING THE CENTRAL FILL PROJECT. HIGH DESERT WAS FIRST.
16 THEY WENT LIVE IN NOVEMBER 2013. CURRENTLY AT HIGH DESERT WE
17 HAVE ABOUT 30 TO 40 PERCENT OF THE PRESCRIPTION REFILL VOLUME
18 THAT'S GOING THROUGH THE VENDOR WHICH HAS HELPED TO REDUCE
19 WAIT TIMES AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP TO REDUCE WAIT TIMES IN
20 THE FUTURE. M.L.K. AND HUMPHREY ARE NEXT TO GO LIVE ON THE
21 SYSTEM, BUT WE WILL ENSURE THAT WE ARE STABLE WITH THE HIGH
22 DESERT SYSTEM BEFORE WE PROGRESS TO THE M.L.K. AND HUMPHREY
23 IMPLEMENTATION. AND FINALLY OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM IS
24 ANOTHER MAJOR INITIATIVE THAT WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON IN 2014.
25 THERE'S TWO BRANCHES TO THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE.

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1 FIRST IT'S ON BUILDING OUT NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
2 UNITS. THE GOAL BY THE END OF 2014 IS TO HAVE 670 UNITS
3 ONLINE. AND THEN ALSO THE GOAL TO EXPAND INTERIM HOUSING BEDS,
4 SO THESE ARE RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS, RESPITE CARE BEDS, SO
5 THAT PATIENTS WHO ARE IN INPATIENT BEDS AND CANNOT BE
6 DISCHARGED HOME BUT DO NOT REQUIRE A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY
7 CAN HAVE A RESPITE CARE OR RECUPERATIVE CARE BED TO BE
8 DISCHARGED TO AND HELP TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF STAY IN THE
9 HOSPITAL. WE HAVE CURRENTLY 68 BEDS THROUGH CONTRACT AND ARE
10 IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING ON TWO ADDITIONAL SITES FOR A TOTAL
11 OF OVER 200 BEDS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THERE ARE SOME OTHER
12 HIGHLIGHTS LISTED HERE FOR THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH, INCLUDING
13 OPENING UP A NEW CLINIC IN SKID ROW TO BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE
14 HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS IN THAT LOCATION. I'D BE HAPPY TO
15 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE LIGHTS BACK ON. ARE THERE ANY
18 QUESTIONS? MIKE?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU AND DR. KATZ, WHEN YOU SHOW THE WAIT
21 TIME BEING REDUCED FROM 24 WEEKS TO ONE WEEK, WHEN WE TALK
22 ABOUT THE VARIOUS AILMENTS THAT ARE BEING TREATED SO I WANT TO
23 COMMEND YOU FOR THAT TYPE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

24

25 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO THE NEW PHARMACY SYSTEM AT HIGH
3 DESERT WHICH HAS HAD PROBLEMS, HAVE THEY BEEN RESOLVED AND
4 HAVE THEY BEEN DOCUMENTED SO THAT THESE ISSUES WON'T BE
5 EXPERIENCED AS YOU ROLL THE SYSTEM OUT AT THE OTHER COUNTY
6 FACILITIES?

7

8 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** YES, SIR, THEY HAVE. WE ARE INCREASING THE
9 NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS THAT ARE SENT OFFSITE VENDOR THROUGH
10 THE CENTRAL FILL AND ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF SENDING OUR
11 PRESCRIPTIONS AS PATIENTS GAIN MEDI-CAL TO RETAIL PHARMACIES
12 WHEN THEIR COVERAGE ALLOWS US TO DO SO. SO THAT HAS HELPED
13 REDUCE WAIT TIMES. AND WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO IMPLEMENTING THE
14 MAIL ORDER SYSTEM FOR PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY AT HIGH DESERT AND
15 ALSO A SYSTEM THAT PATIENTS CAN PHONE IN THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS.
16 BUT WE'VE SEEN REDUCTION IN WAIT TIMES. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE
17 LEARN OUR LESSONS BEFORE WE MOVE ON IN THAT ROLLOUT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GREAT. CONGRATULATIONS FOR REDUCING THE WAIT
20 TIME.

21

22 **CHRISTINA GALLI::** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE, ZEV, GLORIA? ANY
25 QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE ITEM IS A RECEIVE

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1 AND FILE. AND SO BE THE ORDER. EXCUSE ME, WE DO HAVE SOME
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS? DID WE? OKAY. OF COURSE. ERIC PREVEN AND
3 ARNOLD SACHS.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** APPARENTLY IT'S ONE MINUTE BUT I DON'T NEED MUCH
6 MORE. FIRST OF ALL I'M ALSO INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED BY THESE
7 REDUCTIONS IN WAIT TIMES. THAT'S ASTONISHING WORK. AND
8 SOMETHING TO BE VERY PROUD OF AS WE ROLL OUT THE NEW COUNTY
9 SYSTEM. THE CISCO ON PAGE 14 PIECE IS OF GREAT INTEREST
10 BECAUSE OF COURSE ARNIE BERGHOFF WHO HAS OBVIOUSLY DONE A
11 GREAT DEAL FOR L.A. COUNTY IN HELPING THERE IS PROMINENTLY ON
12 DISPLAY AND I KNOW THAT THEY DO RUN SOME OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE
13 AND SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS BUT I WASN'T QUITE CLEAR HOW THAT
14 WORKS. AND ONE DETAIL THAT'S KIND OF JUST A QUESTION FOR
15 PERHAPS SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I KNOW AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD A
16 PROBLEM WENT TO THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND I THINK THERE WAS
17 CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED FOR HER AND SHE ENDED
18 UP GETTING SORT OF A \$45,000 BILL FOR A PROGRAM, AND THIS IS A
19 WOMAN THAT DOESN'T HAVE A LOT. AND I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW
20 THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE GIVEN WHAT WE'RE ROLLING OUT. I THOUGHT
21 SHE MUST NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY ENROLLED. EVERYBODY GETS A
22 BILL. OKAY. SO IF YOU HAVE A SURGERY-- YOU GET A \$50,000 BILL
23 AND YOU'VE GOT TO PAY IT OFF.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS. THAT'S WHY WE WANT
3 PEOPLE NOT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANKS FOR WAKING ME UP.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FEEL FREE TO GO BACK TO SLEEP.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, OF COURSE. WE KNOW WHO'S GOING TO SPEAK THE
12 TWO MINUTE TIME. BUT I WAS REALLY INTERESTED BECAUSE I BELIEVE
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS TALKING EARLIER ABOUT HOW SHE WAS
14 DEALING WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SINCE IN HER 20S, AND
15 THERE'S STILL PROBLEMS. SO WHERE YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN? SO ALL OF
16 A SUDDEN THERE HAS TO BE AN ANSWER HERE BECAUSE THESE PROBLEMS
17 HAVE BEEN PREVALENT OH, I DON'T KNOW, SINCE THE EARLY '90S,
18 PROBABLY. THIS HAS ALWAYS HAD PROBLEMS. 20, 25 YEARS AND ALL
19 OF A SUDDEN THIS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMES IN FROM SAN
20 FRANCISCO AND WAVES A MAGIC WAND AND YOU ALL GET A CLUE. IT'S
21 IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, FOR FIVE OF YOU TO GET A CLUE
22 AT THE SAME TIME.

23

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. FILE ITEM, SO
2 ORDERED. LET'S DO ADJOURNMENTS FIRST BEFORE WE DO PUBLIC
3 COMMENT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE
6 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MY AUNT WHO PASSED AWAY SUNDAY
7 MORNING AT 12:30. SISTER ST. GEORGE, SHE BORN AS ELIZABETH,
8 EVA ELIZABETH SKURLA, SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE
9 WOULD HAVE BEEN 88 ON MARCH 5TH. SHE WAS AT SCHOOL IN THE
10 SECOND GRADE WHEN SHE REALIZED SHE WANTED TO BECOME A NUN. SHE
11 WAS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AND SHE GRADUATED AT THAT TIME FROM
12 CATHEDRAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN ENTERED THE ST. JOSEPH'S
13 OF CARONDELET. ON MARCH 19TH SHE WAS RECEIVED INTO THE
14 CONGREGATION AND THAT'S WHEN HER NAME WAS GIVEN AS SISTER ST.
15 GEORGE. SHE TAUGHT AT NUMEROUS SCHOOLS, BOTH IN THE LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY AND IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE TAUGHT IN SEMINARY AT
17 THE SAN FERNANDO MISSION, QUEEN OF ANGELS SEMINARY, DANIEL
18 MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AT MOUNT ST.
19 MARY'S COLLEGE WHERE SHE HAD A GREAT IMPACT IN MANY OF THE
20 STUDENTS THAT SHE'S HAD. MANY OF THOSE STUDENTS BOTH FROM THE
21 ELEMENTARY LEVEL TO THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL HAVE BEEN SITTING ON
22 OUR JUDICIAL BENCH AND OUR CLASSROOMS, IN THE VATICAN, IN OUR
23 PARISHES AND SHE WAS A REAL OUTSTANDING, CARING, LOVING
24 INDIVIDUAL. AND MANY OF YOU HAVE MET HER. AND OUR PRAYERS ARE
25 WITH HER AND HER FUNERAL WOULD BE NEXT WEEK AT THE MOUNT ST.

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1 MARY'S COLLEGE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF FATHER JOHN BOSCO STONER WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF ST.
3 ANDREWS ABBEY IN VALYERMO IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO PASSED
4 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. HE HAD FORMERLY BEEN IN THE UNITED
5 STATES NAVY AND WAS A CAPTAIN AS A CHAPLAIN IN THE UNITED
6 STATES NAVY. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER. BETTY MOFFITT,
7 MY CLASSMATE'S MOTHER, BILLY JEAN MOFFITT, BILLIE JEAN KING
8 PASSED AWAY AND ALSO SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF OUR FORMER SAN
9 FRANCISCO GIANTS BASEBALL PITCHER RANDY MOFFITT. SHE PASSED
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS. SHE HAD BEEN MARRIED TO BILL
15 MOFFITT FOR 65 YEARS UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 2006. AND SHE SURVIVED
16 BY HER DAUGHTER BILLIE AND RANDY. AMBASSADOR SHIRLEY TEMPLE
17 BLACK PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 WHO WAS NOT JUST AN
18 ACCLAIMED FILM AND ACTRESS BUT ALSO A PUBLIC SERVANT. SHE IS
19 ONE OF THOSE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE ACTING FIELD WHO WAS
20 NOT JUST OUTSTANDING AS A CHILD BUT ALSO AS AN ADULT AND AS A
21 RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY LEADER AND NATIONAL LEADER, AS WELL. SHE
22 FOUND THE INTERNATIONAL FAME BACK IN 1934 AND RECEIVED A
23 SPECIAL JUVENILE ACADEMY AWARD IN 1935. PRESIDENT NIXON
24 APPOINTED HER TO SERVE AS THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AT
25 THE 24TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SHE WAS APPOINTED

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1 THE FIRST FEMALE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BY PRESIDENT
2 GERALD FORD. PRESIDENT H.W. BUSH APPOINTED HER AS AMBASSADOR
3 TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AND SHE WAS RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS,
4 HONORS AND PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH APPOINTED HER TO ANOTHER
5 POSITION, AS WELL, IN AN INTERNATIONAL FIELD. SO SHE'S GOING
6 TO BE REMEMBERED AS AN OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL. AMBASSADOR
7 RICHARD WILLIAMSON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. SOME OF YOU
8 MAY REMEMBER HIM WHEN HE WORKED IN THE WHITE HOUSE. HE WAS IN
9 ALL BUT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TO RONALD REAGAN AND
10 THEN WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION
11 ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY PRESIDENT H.W. BUSH AND RICHARD THEN WAS
12 LATER APPOINTED SPECIAL ENVOY TO SUDAN UNDER PRESIDENT GEORGE
13 W. BUSH WHERE HE WORKED TO PREVENT-- WORKED TRYING TO PREVENT
14 THE TERRIBLE GENOCIDES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE THERE. BUT
15 HE DIED AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. MARGUERITE EATON PASSED AWAY ON
16 FEBRUARY 4TH AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS A GOOD FRIEND, A GOOD
17 SUPPORTER. SHE SERVED IN THE WAVES DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE
18 WAS BORN IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE ALSO PLAYED THE PIANO FOR
19 THAT WONDERFUL LADY THAT WE ALL ADMIRE, HELEN KELLER. SHE HAD
20 SEVEN CHILDREN, TWO DAUGHTERS AND FIVE SONS. SHE WAS MARRIED
21 TO A WONDERFUL MAN, DON, WHO PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO. SO
22 SHE'S A TRUE FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM AND A PATRIOT OF HER GOD AND
23 COUNTRY. ALSO IN MEMORY ADJOURNED FOR JOHN TENNANT, LONGTIME
24 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, FORMER CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL. HE
25 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. HE JOINED THE PASADENA FIRE

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1 DEPARTMENT IN 1972 AND WAS APPOINTED CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE
2 MARSHAL BY GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS IN 2000. SOME OF US HAVE WORKED
3 WITH HIM DURING THE VARIOUS FIRES THAT IMPACTED OUR COUNTY. HE
4 IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN AND HIS BROTHER. JOHN BOTTONI,
5 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
6 ARMY DURING VIETNAM, RECEIVING A PURPLE HEART. PASSED AWAY AT
7 THE AGE OF 70. VIRGINIA LEE DIETRICH-REED, LIFE- LONG RESIDENT
8 OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, REGISTERED NURSE WHO BEGAN HER CAREER AT
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL, ROSE TO DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S HEALTH
10 STUDIES AND LATER BECAME A CASE MANAGER. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE
11 COMMUNITY WITH THE ALPHA CHARTER GUILD AND HIGH DESERT
12 HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION. JUNE ROACH, RETIRED CLERK FOR THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
14 28TH. TOMMY AQUINO, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA
15 VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 21. HE WAS A SAUGUS HIGH
16 GRADUATE AND WAS THE 2009 AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION'S
17 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER.
18 DEPUTY SERVICE ASSISTANT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, EDWARD HALL, JR. PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 4TH. KATHY
20 HARTZEL, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
21 58. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE DENTAL PRACTICE FOR MANY YEARS
22 AND THEN BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE. JACQUELINE HOWARD, WESTERN
23 AREA VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE LINKS ORGANIZATION WHICH HELPS
24 STUDENTS WHO SUCCEED, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68. GRADUATE
25 OF U.C.L.A. WITH TWO MASTER'S DEGREES AND SERVED L.A. UNIFIED

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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 35 YEARS. SHE ORGANIZED "PASADENA BEST,"
2 SUPPORTING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
3 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOUNDATION. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
4 HER HUSBAND, MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN. ENRIQUE LEON, RETIRED
5 SERGEANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND STEVEN
6 BURKE PETTERSEN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 47. HE WAS A FORMER SERGEANT IN THE UNITED
8 STATES ARMY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST MAKE A COUPLE COMMENTS. ONCE
13 AGAIN I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. WILLIAM JOHNSON, FORMER
14 SUPERINTENDENT LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH HE
15 HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT'S OVERSIGHT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE, AND HE STATED,
17 AND I'LL READ THIS PART "I SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS
18 ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 10-1/2 YEARS, 1971 TO '81. I
19 BELIEVE THE CURRENT PHASE OF IPADS FROM SCHOOL BONDS IS
20 ILLEGAL. MY COLLEAGUES, JERRY HALVERSON, FORMER DISTRICT LEGAL
21 ADVISER AND HARRY SAUNDERS, FORMER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
22 DIRECTOR, SHARE MY VIEWS. IPADS ARE KNOWN TO LAST FOR
23 APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY WILL
24 MAKE THEM OBSOLETE, REQUIRING REPLACEMENTS. SCHOOL BONDS ARE
25 DESIGNED TO BUY PROPERTY, BUILD SCHOOLS, EQUIP SCHOOLS WITH

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1 LASTING EQUIPMENT. SCHOOL BONDS ARE PAID FOR OVER A 25-YEAR
2 PERIOD. I'VE TRIED TO CONVEY MY CONCERNS TO THE LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY HAVE NOT REACHED A FINAL CONCLUSION. IF
4 \$1 BILLION IS UTILIZED FOR IPADS, HAS YOUR COMMITTEE
5 DETERMINED WHICH PROJECTS WILL BE DELETED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE?
6 WILL THE PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BE INFORMED, VOTERS
7 APPROVE THE SCHOOL BONDS BECAUSE THEY NEED SCHOOLS TO BE
8 BUILT, SCHOOLS REPAIRED, SCHOOL EQUIPMENT UPDATED? THEY DID
9 NOT VOTE FOR IPADS, A THREE YEAR CONSUMABLE PRODUCT. PLEASE
10 EXPLAIN HOW YOUR COMMITTEE CAN ACCEPT THE USE OF THE SCHOOL
11 BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE IPADS." I GIVE THIS TO OUR
12 COUNTY COUNSEL TO ONCE AGAIN RESEARCH THAT ISSUE FOR DR.
13 JOHNSON AND MR. HALVERSON, WHO WAS THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT. THEN THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S PAPER
15 SAYING THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN GIVEN TWO YEARS' DELAY IN
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF 109. ONCE AGAIN, IT'S LIKE AN OLD INDIAN
17 STORY ABOUT RIDING A DEAD HORSE. THE BEST ADVISE ON RIDING A
18 DEAD HORSE IS NOT TO GET A NEW RIDER OR A NEW WHIP OR HAVE A
19 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE HORSE; IT'S TO GET A NEW HORSE. AND THE
20 BEST HISTORY THAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM 109 IS THAT PROGRESS IS
21 NOT A TWO-YEAR DELAY BUT TO REPEAL THE LAW AND BEGIN AGAIN IN
22 DETERMINING HOW THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WORKS WITH EVERYBODY
23 PARTICIPATING AND GETTING A FAIR SOLUTION INSTEAD OF WHAT HAS
24 BEEN GIVEN TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THEN YESTERDAY,
25 THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL IS LOOKING AT FORBIDDING JUDGES FROM

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1 BEING INVOLVED WITH THE BOYS SCOUTS AS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF
2 INTEREST. I WOULD BE WONDERING IF THEY ALSO ARE GOING TO HAVE
3 JUDGES WHO ARE WITH THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TO NOW
4 WITHDRAW FROM THAT ORGANIZATION BECAUSE THAT ALSO POSES A
5 CONFLICT WHEN THEY HAVE SUCH CASES BEFORE THEM. SO IT'S JUST
6 REALLY CRAZY. BUT THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR
9 ADJOURNMENTS?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERTA DAVIS. SHE'S THE BELOVED
13 MOTHER OF MICHELLE FITZGERALD. ROBERTA WAS THE PAST DIRECTOR
14 FOR THE ALCOHOLISM CENTER FOR WOMEN, ONE OF THE WORTHY FIRST-
15 DISTRICT AGENCIES THAT SERVED THE PICO-UNION COMMUNITY.
16 ROBERTA'S DEVOTED SERVICE TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AND WE WANT
17 TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER DAUGHTER AND HER
18 FAMILY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S IT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I
2 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE REVEREND WILLIE WILLIAMS,
3 JR. BORN ON JANUARY 23, 1932 IN DALLAS, TEXAS, PASSED ON
4 JANUARY 29 AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS A STAR ATHLETE, FOOTBALL,
5 TRACK AND BASEBALL TEAMS AT THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH
6 SCHOOL WHERE HE GRADUATED AS SALUTATORIAN. REVEREND WILLIAMS
7 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, ENLISTED IN THE ARMY, AND HE USED THE
8 G.I. BILL TO FUND HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION. HE MET HIS FUTURE
9 WIFE, LAURA PERRY, AT THE LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. AND THEY
10 BOTH ATTENDED CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE GRADUATED
11 WITH A BACHELORS OF ARTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION. NOTABLY,
12 REVEREND WILLIAMS TRIED OUT FOR THE BROOKLYN DODGERS' BASEBALL
13 TEAM BUT CHOSE TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION RATHER THAN ACCEPT
14 THEIR INVITATION TO ATTEND THEIR TRAINING CAMP. REVEREND
15 WILLIAMS MARRIED MS. PERRY IN 1960 AND THEY RAISED TWO
16 CHILDREN, TWO DAUGHTERS TO BE SPECIFIC, BEGAN HIS CAREER IN
17 EDUCATION AS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT CARVER, THEN
18 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NOW CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE I MET HIM
19 IN THE MID '60S. HE WAS LATER APPOINTED ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT
20 CARVER. HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
21 IN 1996 AND SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF HORACE MANN AND BANCROFT
22 MIDDLE SCHOOLS, AS WELL. HE ALSO HELD POSITIONS IN VARIOUS
23 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING
24 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE HE EMBARKED
25 ON HIS FINAL CAREER AS A PASTOR, SERVING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST

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1 CHURCH OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND RETIRED AFTER SOME 28 YEARS OF
2 SERVICE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A MENTOR, A ROLE MODEL, A
3 BROTHER, A SURROGATE FATHER AND A GOOD FRIEND TO HIS STUDENTS,
4 FRATERNITY BROTHERS, CHURCH MEMBERS, THE Y.M.C.A YOUTH AND
5 YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN IN THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY FOR HIS LOVE OF
6 GOD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LAURA, HIS DAUGHTERS ANGEL
7 WILLIAMS AND DR. LANA WILLIAMS CARR, GRANDDAUGHTER COURTNEY
8 CARR, SISTER TOMMIE MAE SHERMAN AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS
9 AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND I EXPRESSED
10 THAT ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AS HE WAS A NEIGHBOR OF MINE, AS
11 WELL. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO READ
12 IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION. THIS COMES ON BEHALF OF BOTH
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF, IMPLEMENTING SENATE BILL 1193
14 AUTHORED BY SENATOR STEINBERG. BOTH THE CHAIRMAN AND I
15 PARTICIPATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY ON THE MATTER OF
16 HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE CONSIDER IT A DESPICABLE CRIME TO SAY
17 THE VERY LEAST AS IT DEVALUES AND DEHUMANIZES ITS VICTIMS. THE
18 NUMBERS ARE CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO HOW MANY SUCH YOUNG PEOPLE
19 ARE VICTIMS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE HAVE ALREADY
20 MOVED AN AGENDA FORWARD TO NOT ONLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE
21 PIMPS BUT THE JOHNS AND WHAT IS NEEDED IN TERMS OF SOCIAL
22 SERVICES FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE TRAP OF
23 HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING. THIS PARTICULAR BILL REQUIRES
24 BUSINESSES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS TO POST A NOTICE THAT
25 CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING. IT WAS

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1 SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2012 BY GOVERNOR BROWN. AND SO THE CHAIRMAN
2 AND I HAVE COME FORWARD TO BE A PART OF AN EFFORT TO LIFT THIS
3 PROJECT FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. AND SO
4 WE ESSENTIALLY ASK THAT THE C.E.O., IN COORDINATION WITH ALL
5 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS, REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON THE
6 FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATES REQUIRED BY S.B. 1193
7 AND TO POST BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS WELL
8 AS INFORMATION RELATED TO SPECIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
9 THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS AND TO THOSE WORKING IN
10 SUPPORT OF THE ELIMINATION OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
11 SO WITH THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE BOARD WOULD
12 BE READY TO EMBRACE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK, SO I WOULD SECOND THAT. AND
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I DO
22 WANT TO SAY SISTER ST. GEORGE FOR A WHILE WAS A NEIGHBOR OF
23 OURS. SHE TAUGHT AT DANIEL MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL DOWN THE STREET
24 FROM WHERE I LIVED AND SHE USED TO TAKE HER WALKS AROUND OUR
25 NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALWAYS HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. THAT WAS

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1 ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT HER THAT I CAN'T FORGET, IS HER
2 INVOCATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN. SO I'M VERY
7 SORRY TO HEAR SHE PASSED AWAY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE'S MISSING OPENING DAY OF DODGER STADIUM
10 SINCE SHE'S SUCH A DODGER DIEHARD BUT SHE SAID SHE'LL BE
11 LOOKING DOWN.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SURE SHE WILL. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD JUST ADD TO THAT,
16 TOO. HER INVOCATIONS WERE INFAMOUS ALL OVER. SO, MIKE, OUR
17 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH THE FAMILY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST OF
22 ALL A LONGTIME FRIEND HEINZ KUNOTH, 73, MISSED BY HIS FAMILY
23 AND FRIENDS. ONE OF THOSE GREAT GERMANS AND JUST A GREAT GUY
24 AND GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. I WILL MISS HIS FRIENDSHIP AND ALSO
25 HIS MANY EMAILS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, FROM

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1 HOSPITAL BEDS, AS WELL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
2 ANOTHER GOOD BUDDY, RUBEN RIOS, A LONGTIME FRIEND AND
3 COMMISSIONER, MY COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON
4 DISABILITIES, PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 44. AT THE AGE
5 OF 18, HE SUFFERED A GUNSHOT WOUND WHICH LEFT HIM
6 QUADRIPLLEGIC, COMPLETELY PARALYZED FROM THE NECK DOWN. AT
7 RANCHO, HE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIS FIRST MOUTH STICK, WHICH ARE
8 SPECIAL DEVICES THAT ALLOW PAINT BRUSHES AND OTHER OBJECTS TO
9 BE CONTROLLED BY THE MOUTH. AFTER SEEING HIS WORK ON DISPLAY,
10 HE EXCELLED IN LIFE AS A MOUTH STICK ARTIST. HE BECAME A
11 MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MOUTH AND FOOT PAINTING ARTISTS.
12 WORKED AS AN INSTRUCTOR ON OUR PEDIATRIC YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAM
13 OUT AT RANCHO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ROSA, THREE
14 SISTERS, CAROLINA, ROSE AND NANCY. RUBEN WAS NOT ONLY A
15 TREMENDOUS INSPIRATION TO ME PERSONALLY BUT TO EVERYONE AT
16 RANCHO. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND
17 COLLEAGUES. AND WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE
18 FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BUD LORBEER, AN EDUCATOR
19 AND BUSINESSMAN WHO LED VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS AT RIO
20 HONDO FOR MANY YEARS, PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH
21 PARKINSON'S AT THE AGE OF 84. BORN AND RAISED IN PASADENA,
22 WENT TO PASADENA CITY, U.C. SANTA BARBARA. WAS MARRIED TO
23 JOYCE FOR 52 YEARS AND THEY LIVED IN LONG BEACH. HE WAS A HUGE
24 FAN OF JOHN WOODEN AND BRUIN BASKETBALL. HE WAS A COMMODORE OF
25 THE LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB AND WAS KNOWN FOR HIS FORTHRIGHT AND

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1 HONEST AND WAS VERY ENERGETIC. HE SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE
2 DEBBI AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. CINDI, BILL, ANOTHER BUD, AND
3 WENDY AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. GREAT GUY. REALLY, ONE OF THE
4 ORIGINAL INVESTORS DOWN IN BELMONT SHORE AND SECOND STREET.
5 ALSO TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB SCHREMP. HE HAD A LONG BATTLE
6 WITH CANCER, FINALLY PASSED ON FEBRUARY 1ST. WELL KNOWN IN THE
7 CITY OF BELLFLOWER FOR MANAGING THE BELLFLOWER BEARS, WHICH IS
8 A SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL TEAM. SERVED ON THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION
9 COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE
10 N.F.L. ALUMNI ORGANIZATION AND WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS
11 ANGELES RAMS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON DON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
12 KIMBERLY AND GRANDSON AJ. WILL BE TRULY MISSED. ALSO I WANT TO
13 JOIN WITH MIKE ON RICHARD SALISBURY WILLIAMSON, FORMER
14 PRESIDENTIAL AIDE AS WELL AS BETTY MOFFITT. SO WITH THAT,
15 THOSE ARE SO ORDERED. GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, I WOULD JUST
16 ADD TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF S.B.1193. I WAS ALSO UP IN SACRAMENTO LAST
18 WEEK AND DID A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE
19 STATE SENATE. VIRTUALLY COVERING THE ENTIRE STATE OF
20 CALIFORNIA AS IT RELATES TO THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF HUMAN
21 TRAFFICKING SEX TRAFFICKING AND A NUMBER OF BILLS THAT ARE
22 BEING PROCESSED UP THERE TO NOT ONLY INCREASE THE PENALTIES ON
23 JOHNS AND THE PIMPS BUT ALSO TO TRY TO MAKE IT EASIER ON THE
24 VICTIMS, THOSE YOUNG GIRLS THAT ARE BEING TRAFFICKED. SO
25 THERE'S A LOT GOING ON UP THERE. APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT. IT

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1 WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT. ERIC
2 PREVEN, ARTURO GROSSMAN, OSCAR MUHAMMAD, MELLO DESIRE, OKAY.
3 GO AHEAD.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. I WANTED TO CALL
6 ATTENTION TO A COUPLE ITEMS IN THE WAY THAT THEY WERE PUT ON
7 THE AGENDA. ONE IS OF COURSE MR. HUNTSMAN IS GETTING A SMALL
8 STAFF AT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU KNOW, I'VE ASKED
9 THAT THIS BOARD RECONSIDER THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BEFORE
10 STAFFING UP WITH A BUNCH OF COSTLY LAWYERS. YOU KNOW, I THINK
11 COSTLY LAWYERS CAN HAVE A ROLE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S WHAT
12 WE NEED RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE A LOT OF THEM IN THAT PARTICULAR
13 CATEGORY. I WISH IT WASN'T PUT ON THE GREEN SHEET AND BUMPED A
14 WEEK. BUT WE'LL GET CHANCE TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY ON THAT, BUT I
15 WISH IT WAS DONE DIFFERENTLY. ON ANOTHER ITEM WAS A
16 RETROACTIVE APPROVAL AND GLORIA MOLINA CERTAINLY DID A GREAT
17 JOB IN HER DISTRICT WITH THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL. THIS WAS
18 A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY DURING THE STIMULUS. IT WAS A STIMULUS
19 PROGRAM TO BUILD AND RESTORE THIS BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF
20 ARCHITECTURE, WHICH THEY DID. UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS NOT A
21 SMOOTH PROJECT, I WOULD SAY. IT WAS EXPENSIVE AND IT WENT ON
22 AND ON. BUT HERE WE FIND THAT THERE WAS A CELEBRATION. I KNOW
23 ABOUT IT. BUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU APPROVE THOSE CELEBRATIONS IN
24 ADVANCE, IT ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
25 HAPPENING. YOU DO IT RETROACTIVELY, IT LEAVES A BAD TAKES IN

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1 MY MOUTH. I WAS TRACKING THAT VERY CLOSELY. I REMEMBER WHEN
2 MR. FUJIOKA AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY WERE DISCUSSING, WE GOT TO
3 MAKE SURE THAT SOMEHOW VETERANS SERVICES COME INTO THIS
4 FACILITY BECAUSE THIS IS A FACILITY THAT IS A LITTLE ODD. IT'S
5 NOT A PERFECTLY APPLICABLE. IT HAS A LOT OF USES. BUT A
6 BROCHURE IN THE LOBBY IS ONE KIND OF SERVICES. BUT ACTUALLY A
7 COUPLE OF FLOORS DEVOTED TO REAL SERVICES IS ANOTHER KIND OF
8 SERVICE. AND I KNOW THAT THEY MADE EFFORTS. IT MAY BE, IN
9 FACT, THAT ALL THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. I THINK
10 THAT WOULD BE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS YOU OUGHT TO VISIT TO SEE. A LOT OF
13 THOSE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT HAS BEEN. THAT'S AWESOME. THAT'S GREAT, BUT
16 STILL, I THINK THAT THE POINT ABOUT REPORTING IS I WOULD HAVE
17 KNOWN THAT HAD IT COME BACK TO THIS BOARD AND BEEN ANNOUNCED
18 IN ADVANCE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE A VETERAN, SO YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN
21 ABOUT THAT, RIGHT?

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M A VETERAN? NO, I'M NOT A VETERAN. MY FATHER'S
24 A VETERAN. YOU'RE A VETERAN.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS, YEAH.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, EXACTLY. BUT I'M NOT A VETERAN, NO. I'M A
4 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN. RIGHT, OKAY.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

8

9 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR MUHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR
10 THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR STRUGGLING POOR. I SPEAK FOR
11 CULTURE CHANGE. FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UNITED
12 STATES OF AMERICA FOREVER. FEBRUARY REMINDS AFRICAN-AMERICAN
13 EX SLAVES ABOUT OUR SELF-IDENTITY. WE LOST OUR SELF-IDENTITY
14 THROUGH THE SLAVE TRADE. HISTORY GIVE US MORE IDENTITY TO
15 UNITE US. BUT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ANDREW CARNEGIE. HE WAS A
16 MOOR. A MUSLIM FROM PITTSBURGH. HE WAS THE RICHEST MAN IN
17 AMERICA AT ONE TIME. HE HELPED START RAILROADS IN AMERICA.
18 ANDREW CARNEGIE START BUILDING THE HIGH-RISES IN AMERICA. IN
19 HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, HE IS KNOWN AS AMERICA'S GREATEST
20 INDUSTRIALIST. ANDREW CARNEGIE FINANCED MANY BLACK COLLEGES,
21 HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES TO BE BUILT IN AMERICA TO EDUCATE
22 BLACK PEOPLE. AND ALSO ANDREW CARNEGIE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TO
23 LIBRARIES TO EDUCATE BLACK PEOPLES. OUR BLACK CONTRIBUTION TO
24 AMERICA HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT. BUT WE SHOULD END SKID ROW. SKID
25 ROW IS A VERY DANGEROUS AND VIOLENT PLACE TO BE IN. THE ONLY

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1 ONE WAY YOU LEAVE OFF OF SKID ROW WOULD BE DEATH OR JAIL HOUSE
2 OR HOSPITAL. IT IS VERY UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS
3 TO LIVE ON SKID ROW AS THEY DO. BUT POLITICS IS NOTHING BUT
4 ORGANIZED CRIME. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO MAKE OUR LEADERS
5 ACCOUNTABLE OF THEIR ACTIONS, TO HAVE INTEREST OR BUSINESS
6 WHILE IN PUBLIC SERVICE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. AMERICA WOULD BE
7 A MUCH BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN THE WE CAN LIVE BY THE
8 CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNS US. BUT I REMEMBER BACK IN THE '60S
9 PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT INVITED MANY BLACK WOMEN TO
10 COME TO LOS ANGELES TO HAVE BABIES AND GET ON WELFARE WITHOUT
11 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BABY'S FATHER TO RAISE THEM. SO OUR
12 PROBLEM LIES WITH THE HOME, THOUGH, AND THE GOVERNMENT WHAT
13 GOVERNED US. BUT OUR GOVERNMENT IS SWORN IN TO UPHOLD THE
14 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THANKS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

17

18 **ARTURO GROSSMAN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARTURO
19 GROSSMAN. I WORK FOR RANCHO FOR 20 YEARS. I JUST COME HERE TO
20 REPORT A FEW THINGS THAT HAPPENED THERE IN MY DEPARTMENT. I'M
21 A CUSTODIAN. I WORK IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
22 AND I JUST COME FOR HELP. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING IN
23 MY DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THAT IS THE SUPERVISORS. ONE OF THE
24 SUPERVISORS HARASSING ME ALL THE TIME. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME
25 I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM AND I REPORT HIM AND

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1 NOBODY DO NOTHING. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS. I JUST ASK FOR AN
2 INVESTIGATION INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT AND TRY TO FIX IT. I JUST
3 WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY THAT CAN HELP ME.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU CAN TALK TO A MEMBER OF MY
6 STAFF. RICHARD? TALK TO THIS GENTLEMAN, PLEASE? THANK YOU.
7 NEXT? AND THEN I'D ASK ARNOLD SACHS AND DAVID SERRANO TO JOIN
8 US, PLEASE.

9

10 **MELLO DESIRE:** GOOD EVENING, BOARD. MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I
11 AM A FILMMAKER AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH AND
12 THE INCARCERATED. ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 5 P.M. WE WOULD
13 LOVE TO HAVE EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.
14 THESE ARE GOING TO BE THE FIRST PERFORMANCES THAT THESE
15 HOMELESS YOUTH WILL BE PERFORMING. AND WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT
16 AND JUST COME OUT AND SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. WE'VE BEEN
17 DOING THIS FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW. AND THIS IS GOING TO BE
18 PROBABLY THE LAST PERFORMANCE BEFORE WE ARE ABLE TO GET SOME
19 TYPE OF FUNDING. BUT TO FURTHER ON, WE WANT YOU TO COME OUT
20 AND SEE WHAT THESE YOUTH, HOW PERFORMING ARTS HAVE CHANGED A
21 LOT OF THESE ANGRY KIDS. A LOT OF THEM WERE CUSSING AND JUST
22 HAD TEMPER TANTRUMS. AND A LOT OF THEM DIDN'T WANT TO EVEN BE
23 AROUND, A LOT OF THEM HAD SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. A LOT OF THEM
24 WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE SYSTEM OR THEY JUST GOT OUT OF
25 JUVENILE. SO THESE ARE AT-RISK YOUTH THAT HAVE CHANGED

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1 TREMENDOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ATTACHED ALSO IS A SUPPORT
2 LETTER FROM LEROY LOCK FROM A DRAMA TEACHER WHERE WE HAVE
3 CASTINGS AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL, AS WELL. WE REALLY NEED SOME
4 TYPE OF SUPPORT, WHETHER IT'S FUNDING, WE'RE TALKING MORE
5 ABOUT JUST COMING OUT. WE DON'T DO THIS OFTEN. AND THIS WILL
6 BE THE LAST EVENT THAT WE'LL HAVE IN FEBRUARY. ESPECIALLY MISS
7 MOLINA, I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME OUT AND SEE THESE KIDS
8 CHANGE THROUGH ACTING, SINGING AND DANCING. VERY TALENTED.
9 KIDS DON'T WAKE UP IN COMPTON AND WATTS AND EAST L.A. AND
10 BOYLE HEIGHTS, MACARTHUR PARK AND INGLEWOOD TO BE GANG
11 MEMBERS. BUT WHEN YOU ASK A CHILD, "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE
12 WHEN YOU GROW UP?" THEY SAY, "I WANT TO BE A BASKETBALL PLAYER
13 OR FOOTBALL PLAYER OR GANGSTER OR RAPPER." THESE ARE THE TOP
14 FOUR CHOICES THAT THESE KIDS SAY IN THESE AREAS THEY WANT TO
15 BE. WE WANT TO TURN THAT AROUND BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY
16 INTELLIGENT AND SMART. THEY NEED SOMEONE TO REACH OUT TO THEM
17 AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

18

19 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
20 SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOR INFINITY, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. THE HOLY
21 TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, THE CREATOR AND THE UNIVERSE,
22 AMEN. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY
23 SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. JESUS
24 NEVER SINNED. JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD. HE FORGAVE
25 PEOPLE'S SINS. AND HE DID MANY AWESOME MIRACLES, INCLUDING

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1 RAISING THE DEAD TO LIFE. INNOCENT JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS ON
2 THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS BURIED AND ON THE THIRD
3 DAY, JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB. JESUS
4 APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE OF 40
5 DAYS. THEN JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. JESUS CHRIST IS
6 AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER, ALMIGHTY, IN THE KINGDOM
7 OF GOD, AMEN. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH FAITH
8 IN JESUS, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD, AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD.
9 CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,
10 AMEN. CHRISTIANS RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD IN THE
11 KINGDOM OF GOD AMEN. UNBELIEVERS RECEIVE THE PENALTY FOR THEIR
12 OWN SINS. UNBELIEVERS DIE AND BURN IN THE FIRE OF HADES.
13 REPENT AND BELIEVE REALITY. JESUS IS GOD. AND THEN YOU SHALL
14 RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD,
15 AMEN. HALLELUJAH! HAVE A NICE DAY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JABRIEL MUHAMMAD? MR. SACHS?

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A
20 COUPLE OF ARTICLES THAT SHOWED UP IN THE L.A. TIMES ON THE
21 SAME DAY. SANDY BANKS WRITES A COLUMN ABOUT STATE LEGISLATOR
22 ROGER GRIPE WHO JUST GOT CONVICTED OF FLOUTING THE RESIDENCY
23 LAW, THE STATE LAW THAT EXISTS FOR GOOD REASON. AND THEN
24 THERE'S A STORY REGARDING THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR AND IF
25 DETAILS THAT GO ON WITH THE BRIDGEGATE. CHRISTIE DETAILS WHAT

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1 HE DID AND DIDN'T KNOW. SO YOU WONDER: HOW COME THEY TALK
2 ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON ALL THE WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE
3 OF THE NATION BUT DON'T TALK ABOUT THE LAWS THAT ARE FLOUTED
4 AND IGNORED BY THE COUNTY IN L.A.? I THINK SOMEBODY MENTIONED
5 WHEN YOU HAD THE HEARING TODAY, STATE LAW REQUIRES IT. AND
6 UNFORTUNATELY OR FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, YOU ONLY GAVE ONE MINUTE
7 TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE I SURE AS HELL WOULD HAVE LOVED TO BRING
8 UP THE M.T.A. AND THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THE COUNTY TOOK TO
9 MODIFY STATE LAW. SO WHY DON'T YOU TELL THE PEOPLE AT THE
10 HEARING "AIN'T NO BIG THING. WE'LL JUST MODIFY STATE LAW.
11 WE'LL MAKE IT A METRO PROJECT AND WE'LL MODIFY STATE LAW. " MY
12 SUGGESTION FOR A.B.109: TOO MANY CRIMINALS ON THE WORLD-
13 FAMOUS, WORLD-RENOWN METRO SYSTEM. WE NEED TO GET THEM OFF.
14 LET'S MODIFY STATE LAW. LET'S CHANGE A.B.109, MR. ANTONOVICH.
15 YOU'RE THE LEADER BEHIND THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
16 BACK IN 2005. CHANGE THE LAW. YOU CAN DO IT. YOU MAKE IT UP.
17 SO WHAT IF YOU ARE STEALING A LITTLE MONEY? WHO CARES. YOUR
18 SISTER WAS A NUN? HOW'D THAT GO OVER AT DINNERS WHEN YOU
19 MENTIONED, "OH BY THE WAY--"

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU'RE OUT OF LINE.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME SIR?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HEARD WHAT I SAID.

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, I DIDN'T.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SAID YOU'RE OUT OF LINE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, I'M NOT OUT OF LINE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO. WHEN IT COMES TO STEALING, YOU'RE NOT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT.

13

14 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** SUPERVISORS, THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR
15 THE BISMILLAH, THE YOUTH JUSTICE MOVEMENT. IT WAS BROUGHT TO
16 OUR ATTENTION THAT THIS IS IN FACT BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WE
17 WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS IN THE CIVIL
18 RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THIS MONTH IN CIVIL RIGHTS WHICH WE ALL--
19 THEY'RE INALIENABLE RIGHTS. BUT WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
20 EFFORT OF THE MOVEMENT IN ITSELF AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUCCESS
21 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE LANDSCAPE OF ADMINISTRATION AND WE KNOW
22 THAT PRIOR TO THE MOVEMENT WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE LANDSCAPE OF
23 THE ADMINISTRATION, WE SAW NO AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHATSOEVER. AS
24 A MATTER OF FACT, AFRICAN-AMERICANS WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO
25 ARREST OUTSIDE OF THEIR RACE. SHAMEFUL. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO

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1 GIVE A SHOUT OUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THIS IS BISMILLAH, THE
2 JUSTICE MOVEMENT IN THE NAME OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
3 MADE ON THE PART OF THE MOVEMENT. AND WE CONSIDER MR. MARK
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, OUR SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, AND WE WANT TO
5 SEND A SHOUT OUT TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, OUR SECOND DISTRICT
6 SUPERVISOR, COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND AFRICAN-
7 AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE SAW TO HIS
8 BEING PLACED HERE, WE WANT TO GIVE THAT SHOUT OUT TO ALL
9 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATORS THROUGHOUT THE
10 COUNTRY THAT THEY BE MINDFUL THAT YOUR POSITIONS HAVE ALL TO
11 DO WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THOSE BEFORE YOU, THE FOREFATHERS, ALL
12 THAT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PRIOR TO READING US INTO
15 CLOSED SESSION, WE DO HAVE A MOTION THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE
16 OF AS IT RELATES TO AN ITEM WE'LL BE DISCUSSING IN CLOSED
17 SESSION.

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19 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** I BELIEVE YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE AN URGENCY
20 MOTION.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE URGENCY, SECONDED BY
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** SO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,
4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL CONFERENCE REGARDING INITIATION OF
5 LITIGATION TWO CASES AND ITEM NO. C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD
6 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. IN
7 ADDITION, THE BOARD MADE A FINDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
8 SECTION 54594.2 THAT THE BOARD FINDS THAT THERE IS A NEED TO
9 TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THAT THE NEED FOR ACTION AROSE
10 SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. THEREFORE THE BOARD
11 WILL ADD ITEM C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, EXISTING
12 LITIGATION, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION ET AL. VERSUS LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY ET AL., U.S. DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. 12CV-
14 10400-PA-AGRX AND A.I.D.S. HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION ET AL.
15 VERSUS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL. L.A.S.C. CASE NUMBER
16 VC517979.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW. THANK YOU, MR. KRATTLI. DO YOU FEEL
19 COMFORTABLE NOW? OKAY. LET'S GO TO CLOSED SESSION.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6 (Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section

7 54956.9) Initiation of litigation (two cases) (14-0684)

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9 The Board authorized the County to file a petition for writ of
10 mandate challenging the decision in two Civil Service

11 Commission cases. The details will be disclosed to any person
12 upon inquiry once the writs are formally filed.

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14 The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being
15 present.

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17 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 nor CS-3.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 11, 2014,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 17th day of February 2014, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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